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Jenkins and Steel split over future of nuclear deterrent

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- **"Fringe" parties in the election come under one general heading of "Others" but are united only by the certainty of forfeiting their deposits (page 4).**

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Roy Jenkins, the Alliance prime minister-designate, yesterday exposed a fundamental rift with Mr David Steel over the future of the British nuclear deterrent.

Both party leaders told an Alliance press conference that the Polaris force should be included in merged strategic and intermediate nuclear disarmament talks at Geneva.

But Mr Jenkins then added that if those talks failed to produce a breakthrough, an Alliance government would keep an independent British deterrent as a last resort weapon, for the foreseeable future.

There is no mention of an independant deterrent in the joint manifesto of the two parties and Mr Steel has previously insisted, in agreement with Dr David Owen, that Polaris should be under Nato control as part of the Western deterrent.

The Liberal leader said in a key speech on December 16: "Liberals have always opposed the concept of an independent nuclear deterrent, believing it to be either surplus to collective Western action or useless when challenged independently. I have never found convincing the argument that 'tearing off the arm' of the Soviet bear would be a comforting thought if at the same time it precipitated national suicide."

He told *The Times*, after he had made that speech, that he had reached agreement with Dr Owen "on the no-independent-use and the assigning to Nato."

Mr Jenkins said yesterday: "We are not wedded to an independent British deterrent, but equally we do not believe in just throwing our weapons away because we don't think that is the way to achieve disarmament."

Pressed about the Alliance commitment against a Trident replacement of Polaris, Mr Jenkins insisted: "We *are* going to continue with our independent deterrent for a substantial period ahead, and I have always said that in the meantime we will consider what happens so far as the general world, political and military situation develops."

When Mr Steel was asked about Polaris, he resorted to the careful formula so often used by Mr Michael Foot during the election campaign: "The position in the manifesto is the position which both parties have endorsed. Of course we want to phase out Polaris as soon as possible, within the context of bilateral negotiations with the Soviet Union."

He added: "There is no question of unilaterally phasing out Polaris. It is a question of negotiating Polaris away in return for reductions on the Soviet side."

The Liberal leader made no comment on independent use of the deterrent, but it is understood that he stands by the views expressed last December, a faithful relfection of Liberal Party sensitivities on the issue.

The similarities with Labour's defence difficulties are remarkable; even to the point of Mr Steel reflecting Mr Foot and Mr Enoch Powell's views about "national suicide". He also evidently feels that the manifesto can be used to cover the underlying divide which persists between himself, Dr Owen and Mr Jenkins.

Ironically, Mr Jenkins volunteered a statement on Alliance defence and disarmament policies at the start of the press conference, in order to criticize "contradictions" in Conservative policy and "confusions" in Labour policy.

Massacre Nazi jailed for life

An East German judge jailed Heinz Barth, a former Nazi officer, for life for war crimes, including the Oradour massacre. A defence plea for leniency on the ground that he had been under orders was dismissed Page 6

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Talks intended to get the strike-bound *Financial Times* back into publication before polling day were continuing, apparently with little prospect of a settlement. Mirror Group Newspapers has quadrupled its profits to £8.1m Pages 2, 17, 18

Bar entry limit

For the first time the number of students entering for Bar training in England and Wales is to be restricted. The reason is the big increases in numbers seeking entry Page 2

Peers move out

Two neighbouring peers are to give up their family homes because of financial pressures. Lord Devon is to rent Powderham Castle while Lord Clifford of Chadleigh is to move to Guernsey Page 3



Summit hope

All-night talks were taking place in Addis Ababa to win over a number of boycotting states of the Organization of African Unity. A spokesman said it was proposed that the summit would open today
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Trafalgar fails

Trafalgar House tried to raise its stake in P & O to 14.9 per cent but failed as P & O's shares rose 2p above the bid price of 207p Page 17

Middlesex top

Middlesex, last year's county champions, moved to the top of the table after beating Kent by four wickets at Dartford. This was despite Underwood who took six for 44 Page 24

Heseltine appeals to Labour heartlands

By Anthony Bevins and Philip Webster

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, last night put a new twist on poll forecasts of a Conservative landslide by offering voters in the Labour heartlands "a passport to the corridors of power" – the election of Tory MPs for their constituencies.

He said in a speech in Birmingham: "This election now provides the British with a little-perceived but deeply important opportunity.

"The advances the Conservatives are now making provide an opportunity for the whole of Britain to share more fully in the power of the next Conservative Government. It is important that they should.

"The responsible use of that power by a strong Conservative Government with Conservative MPs arguing their cases within the party of government itself, offers a prospect of national unity of vivid proportions.

"To the people of the Midlands, the North, Scotland and Wales, all of us who wish to see the regions speak with a loud voice, anyone who seeks to narrow the divide between north and south, the Conservative Party offers a passport to the corridors of power."

Mr Heseltine said that Conservative MPs for the inner cities could speak for council tenants who were regarded as "politically-harnessed" second class citizens by the socialists, and Conservative candidates "waiting now to serve the nation" could speak "directly" on behalf of shopfloor workers.

He concluded: "We seek a nation unified. Nothing can so unite the widest interests of all our people now than the mainstream of our national life, every part of this country of ours, the cities, the towns and countryside, industrial and commercial heartlands, the rural communities; all have their voice within the parliamentary Conservative Party."

- Mrs Margaret Thatcher last night asked for a decisive mandate tomorrow, from what she called a landmark general election.

Voicing confidence in the outcome "because we believe we have won the argument" she pledged that there would be no extremes in the next five years whatever her majority; but she said the larger the majority and the greater the total vote for the Conservative Party the greater would be the sense of unity and agreement in Britain and the greater would be her government's authority abroad.

Making the last major speech of her campaign, at Fleetwood Lancashire, Mrs Thatcher said that the election was about a choice between a steady sensible and resolute government and an extreme and erratic opposition.

Kinnock in tears over father's call

By Barrie Clement

After his remarks about Mrs Margaret Thatcher's attitude to the Falklands war, a tearful Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday spoke on the telephone to the father of a soldier who was killed in action at Bluff Cove.

Mr Don Thomas, whose son Glyn was lost on the Sir Galahad, said that he fully supported Mr Kinnock's remark about the Prime Minister on Monday on TV South's *The South Decides*.

Mr Kinnock told *The Times* last night that Mr Thomas said: "I would have said exactly the same thing in exactly the same way as you said *it*." Mr Thomas had rung Labour Party's headquarters in Cardiff expressing support for Mr Kinnock's speech.

Mr Kinnock wept during the call and afterwards as he described the conversation to journalists. "It is extraordinary that people who have lost children can demonstrate such clear-sightedness and generosity."

He also made another call from the offices of the Labour Party in Barry, South Wales, to the mother of an officer involved in the rescue operations at Bluff Cove. He said the call confirmed his views about the Prime Minister's attitude to the Falklands.

Mr Kinnock said that Mr Thomas told him: "I watched the television programme last night and I know you did not mean to insult me or my boy."

After the telephone conversations and in a speech at a square in Barry, Mr Kinnock replied to an attack from Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, who had denounced Mr Kinnock for indulging in the politics of "the gutter". Mr Kinnock said: "If I was in the gutter, and I ain't, he'd still be looking up at me from the sewer."

Mrs Thatcher said on BBC Radio 4's *PM* programme: "I think in politics, as in life, some things are best left unsaid and I think that would have been best not thought and not said."

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Jenkin predicts drop in interest rates

From Clifford Longley, Peterborough

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Industry, said yesterday that he expected a prompt post-election drop in interest rates which would stimulate industry. He told some local businessmen while campaigning in Peterborough that "if there is a surge in the £ after the election we can use interest rates to bring it down to more realistic levels."

Mr Jenkin is strongly tipped as a candidate to become Chancellor of the Exchequer in the expected post-election Cabinet reshuffle. His comments on a possible rise in the value of the pound in the wake of a Conservative victory bear a striking resemblance to views expressed by the Prime Minister, in a recent television interview. She predicted that sterling would rise if the Conservatives won the election. But Mr Jenkin went much further than his Cabinet colleagues have done

- Building societies are banking on a cut in interest rates fairly soon after the election to restore their depleted coffers and head off any rise in the mortgage rate (Lorna Bourke writes).

Tories still on course for landslide

By David Hewson

Mrs Thatcher is still on course for a spectacular landslide victory, according to the latest opinion polls, while Labour and the Alliance are battling for a poor second place.

According to the predictions of Downing Street's own computer programme and the personal estimate of Mr Robert Worcester, the leading pollster, of MORI, the Tories are set for an overall majority of 252. Such a victory would claim the seats of six SDP MPs, including Mr Roy Jenkins, the party leader, and that of Labour's Mr Tony Benn.

Mr Denis Healey, Labour's deputy leader, yesterday accused some newspapers and the BBC of trying to "hype" the Alliance with poll findings. But a careful look showed that the bandwagon was sliding gently backwards, he said.

Mr Healey added: "A vote for the Alliance could well put in some of the more extreme members of the Conservative Party". He predicted a late surge to Labour, as the true character of a Thatcher-Tebbit government became apparent.

But Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Conservative Party chairman, who had just returned from a visit to marginal seats in the North-west, said yesterday that seats which had once been marginal for the party were now virtually safe.

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Harrier force lands on deck cargo



The Alraigo (above), on which Sub-lieutenant Watson (right) landed his Sea Harrier.



Pilot put down with one minute's fuel left

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

A Royal Navy Sea Harrier jump-jet, whose pilot made a dramatic forced landing on a Spanish cargo ship in the Atlantic, ending nose-up on containers, will be unloaded when the ship reaches the Canaries tomorrow.

The landing was made in force five winds, a the ship pitched in 11ft waves. The £7m aircraft touched down between a derrick and the ship's bridge. Sub-lieutenant Ian Watson, aged 25, serving with the Aircraft carrier Illustrious, and speaking by radio telephone from the Alraigo as the vessel was bound for Tenerife yesterday, said he had found himself with fuel enough for only six to seven minutes flying after losing contact with the Illustrious on his way back from a sea reconnaissance mission on Monday night.

"I used my radar to find the neaest ship...I made a low pass to see if I could land on its deck, which was filled by containers."

"When I arrived above the ship I had one minute's hovering time left." The pilot said he had to use hand signals to show he wanted to land. Then the ship's crew guided him down. Sub-lieutenant Watson, who lives near Yeovilton, Somerset, said he was waiting "to face the music" on return to the Illustrious, which was on its way to take part in a Nato exercise when the incident occurred. He said the Sea Harrier was not damaged.

Señor Aitor Suso, the master of the 2,300 ton Alraigo, said they spotted the Sea Harrier when the ship was about 120 miles south-west of Oporto, bound for Tenerife.

Their radio could not communicate with the Sea Harrier but they realized, Señor Suso said, that the pilot was trying to land, and so the ship's engines were stopped. "It nearly went right over the edge."

The crew had got out the fire hoses as a precaution. Then they lashed down the aircraft.

Señor Suso said Sub-lieutenant Watson was very shaken as he got out and had spent a bad night. He was staying below, resting, the master said.

The aircraft's under-carriage was reported to have been damaged, including the loss of a wheel. Damage was also said to have been done to the containers.

The owners of the Alraigo said they had contacted the Spanish Defence Ministry, which had indicated the ship should stay on course for the Canaries.

A Spanish Foreign Ministry spokesman said the pilot and his aircraft would be handed over on arrival at Tenerife. The incident was being treated as "a humanitarian case, just like other forced landing".

Although there was a certain amount of praise in flying circles yesterday for the pilot's skill, there will certainly be an inquiry into how it came about that he was unable to return safely to the Illustrious, Rodney Cowton writes.

Sub-lieutenant Watson joined the Royal Navy in 1979 on a 12-year commission. After converting to Sea Harriers at the Royal Naval Air Station at Yeovilton, he joined 801 Squadron on the Illustrious last month.

The Alraigo, built in 1977, has an overall length of just over 300ft and a maximum beam of about 45ft. By comparison, the Illustrious is 677ft long overall and the flight deck is 550ft long.

Expects from the Ministry of Defence are believed to be going to Tenerife to recover the Sea-Harrier, which is thought not to be capable of flying.

Although indications from Spain are that no salvage claim is likely, legal sources suggested one would be possible under British and international law.

Spending boost for Tories

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

The Government's economic policies received a preelection boost yesterday from the latest batch of official statistics.

These show record consumer spending on the shops, only modest rises in the prices charged by British industry for goods leaving factories and a slowdown in money growth, pointing the way to a possible cut in interest rates after the election.

But other figures confirm a sharp deterioration in Britain's balance of payments surplus on current account as imports have surged, while huge sums continue to flow into assets abroad, including overseas stocks and shares.

Price increases charged by industry for goods at the factory gate are continuing to moderate, helped by a drop in the cost of fuel and raw materials in the past couple of months because of the strengthening pound, and by the slowdown in pay deals.

Meanwhile, news of record business in the shops in April will buoy hopes for continuing economic recovery, while the announcement that money growth in the month to mid-May was less than half the exceptional April increase has allayed City fears that interest rates might have to rise soon to curb excessibe monetary expansion.

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Duchess of Kent told to rest

The Duchess of Kent has cancelled all her official engagements for the next two months on the advice of her doctors, it was announced yesterday.

The Duchess, aged 50, has been told she needs more time to recover from an operation she had in April to remove an ovarian cyst. A spokesman at York House said: "A longer period for recuperation than was at first expected is necessary so that her royal highness can regain her weight and strength following her operation."

The spokesman stressed: "There is no serious underlying cause for her condition."

The Duchess was said to be "very disappointed" at having to cancel her engagements for June and July, which included official visits to Wimbledon

The operation to remove the cyst was carried out at the King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers in London where the Duchess has been a patient several times in recent years.

The Duchess left hospital on May 1 and returned to York House to convalesce. She was determined to be seen again in public as soon as possible after the operation but she has had to cancel a number of engagements on medical advice.

The Duke of Kent, who was due to undertake a number of the engagements with his wife, will now make the visits on his own.

Health of Andropov declines rapidly

Moscow (AP) – The health of Mr Yuri Andropov apparently has taken a sharp turn for the worse. Sources who have seen the Soviet party leader in the past two days say he needs assistance in walking and that his right hand shook uncontrollably at a dinner given in honour of President Mauno Koivisto of Finland.

Three independent sources said two aides supported Mr Andropov, who turns 69 next Wednesday, at either elbow as he walked into a Kremlin banquet hall on Monday night. He needed assistance in sitting down and again upon rising to leave.



Mr Andropov yesterday: Supported by aides

The sources said that Mr Andropov apparently felt unsteady enough to remain seated while delivering his speech and that his right hand shook uncontrollably when he reached out to receive a written version of President Koivisto's reply.

Mr Andropov appears to have lost much weight since he became party leader. An official Soviet source reported recently that Mr Andropov suffers from Parkinson's disease. Others have said that he has heart and kidney problems, which reportedly forced him to seek hospital treatment in March.

The health of the Soviet leader takes on special significance in this period leading up to a session of the Supreme Soviet, the Soviet Parliament, starting on June 16.

Such meetings are traditionally preceded by meetings of the Communist Party's Central Committee which rubber stamps important decisions taken by the ruling Politburo. Mr Andropov, as General-Secretary of the party, is the head of the 11-member Politburo.

He is believed to be facing a stiff challenge from Mr Konstantin Chernenko, aged 71, the man the late Mr Brezhnev was said to have selected as his successor.

Mr Chernenko, reported by the same sources to have looked frail at the Koivisto dinner, was in hospital last month with pneumonia.

Sources who saw Mr Andropov in person a year ago say the change in his appearance points to a rapid decline in his health.

Volga toll tops 100

Moscow (Reuter) – More than 100 people were killed in the accident on the River Volga on Sunday evening, when the entire top deck of a Soviet passenger ship was ripped away after it rammed a railway bridge, a spokesman for Intourist, the state tourist agency, said yesterday.

The victims, all Soviet citizens, had been watching a film on the upper deck of the Aleksandr Suvorov when the collision occurred near Ulyanovsk, about 430 miles east of Moscow.

The Intourist spokesman said there were more than 300 people on board the vessel.

Nissan resists Thatcher request to reveal decision on car plant

By David Young

The Japanese Nissan Motor Company has resisted a direct request from Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, to announce whether it will build a car production plant in Britain.

Nissan will now come under pressure, with other sectors of Japanese industry, from the CBI to do more to reduce the trade imbalance between Japan, Britain and the EEC.

Mrs. Thatcher took the opportunity at the Williamsburg economic summit to ask Mr. Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, to ask Nissan to make up its mind about its planned investment in Britain.

Mr. Nakasone passed on Mrs. Thatcher's request to a specially convened Nissan board meeting. chaired by Mr. Takeshi Ishihara, the company president.

The Nissan board reaffirmed its previous statements that no decision has been taken and Mr. Ishihara added: "We could not reach a final conclusion yet on the project and are still studying its feasibility."

The future of the Nissan project in Britain as an election issue has clearly embarrassed the car company and the direct involvement of Mrs. Thatcher and Mr. Nakasone has added to the company's discomfort.

Reports that Nissan would abandon the project of a Labour election victory led to Britain's withdrawal from the EEC have been officially denied by Nissan in Japan and by Lord Marsh, its British adviser.

However, Nissan's seriousness about its intention of investing £500m in a new plant has already been signalled within the Japanese industrial community. Mr Isamu Kawai, head of the UK project team, has in the past two weeks been promoted to executive managing director of the company, a move seen as a prelude to his moving to Britain to oversea the building of a new factory

In addition, Nissan plans to send a management team to have talks at civil service level in Whitehall by the end of this month, and is to spend £22m on a parts centre, for Europe at Amsterdam.

The selectin of Amtserdam as a parts distribution centre is also being seen as a pointer that Nissan will go-ahead on a site on the east coast, close to air and sea links with Holland. Nissan have looked at eight possible sites for the planned 20,000 car-a-year plant, with Humerside emerging as the clear favourite.

Japanese industry will come under proessure next month to reduce its trade imbalance between Britain and the EEC. A CBI delegation, lead by Sir Campbell Freser, is to meet Japanese trade association and Government officials.

Despite recent efforts by the Japanese to open doors to a wider range of imports, the trde gap between Japan and Britain has widened to £2.5bn.

Sir Campbell Fraser will remind the Japanese that trade barriers exist on both sides, pointing to the French restrictions in video recorder imports and has describe the trade mission as "something of a last-ditch effort to resolve matters by discussion".

Easier chair: Mr Ted Barber, a teacher at Shrewsbury School, demonstrating a wheelchair recliner designed by two of his pupils, John Freeman, (left) and Ingram Legge.

Mr Freeman and Mr Legge, now both aged 19, won the BP Challenge to Youth competition in the International Year of Disabled People, the Design Council Schools Award and the Young Engineer of Britain title with the recliner, which is designed to help disabled people at the dentist and hairdresser, and even to watch television. A wheelchair is manoeuvred on to the device and a tilting mechanism then operated by the user.

They are now marketing it through Hatrick Industries, a company, formed by their fathers and Mr Barber.

The prototype was designed and assembled at Shrewsbury school, and will now be assembled, upholstered and packaged by disabled workers at the Stroud Sheltered Workshop in Gloucestershire, under the brand name "Inva-retro".

Royalties from each sale will go towards funding scholarships for children of disabled people to attend Shrewsbury School. (Photographs by John Voos.)

Cockfield explains council threat

By David Walker

The Labour-controlled London and metropolitan councils have brought the threat of abolition on their own heads by their extravagance, Lord Cockfield, Secretary of State for Trade, told council treasurers yesterday.

He said that the Greater London Council, the Inner London Education Authority and the six metropolitan counties were responsible for two-thirds of all the council overspending during 1983-84.

The local government financial crisis could be blamed on 14 councils, all Labour. They were spending at a level 25 per cent above the Government's objective estimate of what they needed; they had raised their rates in April by 8 per cent on average, more than twice the inflation rate.

Lord Cockfield's address shocked the treasurers who are meeting in Eastbourne at the annual conference of their professional body, the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

He berated the nationalized industries, councils, and the public service in general. "Perhaps too many of our talented people are attracted into careers in public administration." He said there was nothing in the public service to replace the traditional private management tools of incentive and penalty, sticks and carrots.

Earlier, Mr John-Gunnell, the Labour leader of West Yorkshire council, said the Conservative plans for abolishing the Greater London Council and the metropolitan counties would restore a system of local government last seen in the nineteenth century.

Mr Gunnell, who has taken a leading role in the efforts of the six Labour-controlled metropolitan counties to save themselves from extinction, said the Government wanted to restore a system of joint boards and committees similar to those in operation before the reforms of 1889.

He said be proposed reorganization would be "enormously costly".

US spends £45m on air base

The United States Air Force is spending £45m extending and improving the base at Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire, where a squadron of EF1-11 jets are due to arrive in January.

The plans include new hardened shelters for the 18 planes, which are filled with radar-jamming equipment to prolong the life ofthe 70 F1-11 nuclear-capable bombers at the base, which are now vulnerable to missile attack.

The new aircraft have been opposed by CND and the peace camp outside the base, who say the F1-11s will be turned into a "first strike" force. In demonstrations outside the base last week 752 people were arrested.

The base has already been extended by 30 acres to take the new aircraft, and construction projects underway or planned include a new school, housing, communications and refuelling facilities and a new dormitory.

The arrival of the squadron is expected to involve another 1,300 USAF servicemen and their families living at and around the base.

Limit put on entry to legal training

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Entry to the Bar in England and Wales is to be artificially restricted for the first time in its history by means of a ceiling placed on the numbers starting training.

Students admitted to the one-year vocational course which all would-be barristers must undertake before obtaining pupillage is to be limited to 950 in a year. Numbers will be annually reviewed.

Previously, market forces such as availability of work and seats in chambers have been the only determining factors on numbers who were qualified to enter and financially able to do so.

The decision by the Senate of the Inns of Court is, reported in its annual statement published yesterday. It may in future be regarded "as of capital importance to the whole profession", the statement says, and seen as "marking the end to the unrestricted 'open-door' policy of the profession".

The restriction on numbers comes in the wake of a limit on entry qualifications agreed last year. From this October graduates entering the one-year vocational course must have a minimum of a lower second (2.2) class degree.

Sir Arthur Power, secretary to the Senate, emphasized that the 950 limit was intended to encompass all those who wanted to practise at the Bar. Those who would be excluded would be those who merely wanted to obtain the qualification.

The reason, he said, was the huge increase in numbers of those wanting to enter the profession. The practising Bar itself has risen from 2,714 in 1971 to 4,685 in 1981 and nearly 5,000 now.

Admissions to the four Inns of Court by students had risen from 1,136 in 1872 to 1,357 last year, and by intending practitioners to the School of Law over five years from 575 to 806. Including those who did not wish to practise, the total was 1,032.

Sir Arther said the aim was to keep numbers admitted to the school and those called to the practising Bar roughly in line.

Last year 1,418 students were admitted to the vocational course.

Hospitals to stop use of drug

A drug which has been used to treat critically ill patients for the past two years has been withdrawn after research into the doubling of the death rate at Glasgow's Western Infirmary intensive treatment unit.

The Committee for the Safety of Medicine has issued a written warning to all British hospitals against the long-tern, use of Hypnomidate in the treatment of the seriously ill.

The move follows an investigation by Professor Iain Ledingham, head of the Glasgow unit. His results show that the death rate in his unit has increased from 22 per cent to 44 per cent since the drug was introduced as a sedative in 1981.

Professor Ledingham's findings have been supported by doctors at 70 intensive treatment units throughout Britain and in Holland and Germany.

Dr James Kerr, administrative head of the Glasgow unit said the drug had been in use for some time as a general anaesthetic, but that its manufacturers, Janssen Pharmaceuticals of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, had recommended it for long-term sedation in critical cases.

The manufactuirers said they were highly concerned about Professor's Ledingham's findings and had launched a through invesigation in conjunction with intensive care units in Britain and Europe. It was emphasized that the drug was under scrutiny only for the treatment of the critically ill.

Ulster goes on alert for election

From Richard Ford
Belfast

Police leave and rest days have been cancelled in Northern Ireland as the security forces go on alert to combat any increase in terrorism during the final hours of the election campaign.

Twenty thousand members of the police, Ulster Defence Regiment and the Army will be on duty on polling day, and in the last few days there has been a noticeable increase in security force activity across the province, with more vehicle checkpoints and surveillance by the RUC of party headquarters.

Protection for prominent public figures and politicians has also increased, with plain clothes offices shadowing many of the province's leading Unionist politicians on the campaign trail. Last October, hours before the Assembly poll, bombs exploded outside the Official Unionist Party headquarters

Cab driver ran down his wife

John Price, aged 50, a minicab driver, of Mackenzie Road, Holloway, London, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment at the Central Criminal Court yesterday after admitting attempting to murder his estranged wife.

Mr James Miskin QC, the Recorder, said that Mrs Carol Price, aged 36, was only slightly injured but her mother, Mrs Ada Middleton, suffered extensive fractures when Price ran them down in his car outside their home in Corporation Street, Holloway.

Science report

Scientists hail new guidance system

By Bill Johnstone
Electronics Correspondent

Research scientists at British Aerospace in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, have developed a guidance system for missiles which they believe is a technical first.

To provide the accurate balancing and navigation of "agile missiles" travelling at subsonic and supersonic speeds, the Stevenage technologists, comprised of a team of mechanical engineers, electronic engineers and physicists, have developed what they have termed the Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) concept.

The IMU system uses specially designed and positioned gyros attached to the body of the missile, called strapdown gyros, and robust accelerometers to control the movement of the weapon and its flight path.

The system, which has just emerged, is the result of over four years' research at Stevenage and now the scientists have taken the design to the development stage when they will make bespoke systems for different weapons.

The British Aerospace design is what is termed a mid-course guidance system, which means that the weapon can be controlled by some autopilot mechanism after it has been fired and before it makes contact with the target. The demands on such instrumentation are quite considerable.

According to British Aerospace scientists: "The accuracy required of the inertial sensors depend on the application. The demands placed on them, however, are considerable. For example, an agile missile can roll with peak body rates as high as 400 degrees a second and is still required to arrive at a very small target area to allow seeker head look-on to occur".

"We are fairly sure we are the leaders", the BAe scienists say. That confidence is based on the fact that they are harnessing the latest technology using electronics and microprocessor control.

The signals from the gyros and the accelerometers are converted from the analogue to digital to be processed by the on-board microprocessor. The gyro is miniatmized assisting substantially the compact design of the guidance system.

The Stevenage design is the latest from the industry which is attempting to satisfy the growing demand of weapon manufacturers, and their customers, for "fire and forget" guidance systems. The accelerometer measures the rate of change of speed and is used as the basis for the navigational system.

The new system is versatile, its inventors claim and can be used in torpedoes, aircraft and for land vehicle navigation.

FT talks offer little hope

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Talks designed to get the strike-bound *Financial Times* back into publication before polling day were still going on last night with little prospect of a settlement in sight.

Both sides in the machine room pay dispute were called to the London offices of Acas the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, yesterday, to negotiate the wage claim involving 18 machine minders which has led to nearly 300 members of the craft print union, the National Graphical Association, being called out on strike.

Management and union negotiators met briefly during the day, but the likelihood of the newspaper coming out before polling day receded as the hours passed without the emergence of a draft deal on pay and manning in the machine room.

The two sides had few direct contacts during the lengthy peace process, and conciliation officials were shuttling between management and union with different ideas for a return to work.

The NGA has brought out on strike all its members at the newspaper in response to the dismissal of machine minders and other craft print workers who struck in sympathy. Since then, the union has called out all its key personnel involved in the transmission of copy to Frankfurt, West Germany, where the European edition is published.

At the request of the NGA, the International Graphical Federation has also issued a "blacking" notice to its affiliates in Western Europe, to prevent Continental printers bringing out the newspaper for distribution in Britain.

At issue is the NGA's demand for an increase in pay from £304.67 a week to £322, and extra shifts to accommodate an increased print run. Management has condemned the dispute as "a political issue", and Mrs Thatcher has been asked to introduce legislation to correct "the imbalance of power" between unions and management in Fleet Street.

Box baby named

A baby boy, found in a cardboard box in London two days after birth, has been named Alec by nurses at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, after Alec Bourne, a famous obstetrician.

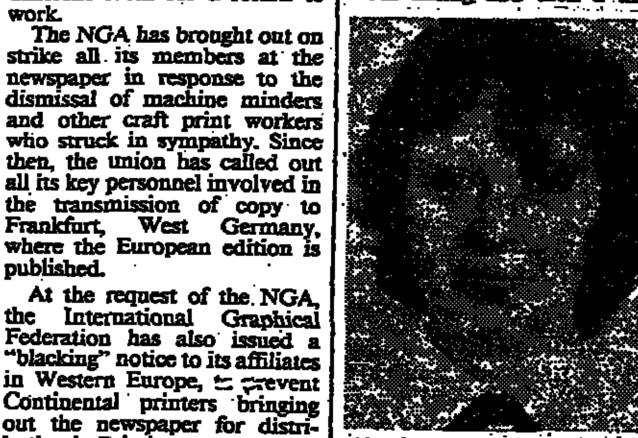
WPC stops death on bridge

A policewoman saved a would-be suicide yesterday by grabbing his pullover as he jumped from a footbridge.

With her legs around the parapet, she clung to the 14-stone man as he hung over a dual carriageway in Yeovil, Somerset.

Woman Police Constable Jackie Fosbury, aged 21, weighing nine stone was joined by a police constable but the man struggled to free himself so violently that PC Glen Mar was pulled over the parapet.

WPC Fosbury saved him from falling and then a third



WPC Fosbury: Clung to falling man.

constable arrived seconds later to help pull the man to safety.

Last night he was comfortable in hospital with arm injuries. WPC Fosbury was treated for abrasions, finger injuries and torn nails.

Supt David Coggan, said WPC Fosbury tried to reason with him.

"He was inconsolable. He said his girl friend had just married another man

"Miss Fosbury positioned herself so that she could grab him if he jumped."

He did jump and she held him for about ten seconds until PC Marr arrived.

"She showed considerable courage. The man could have pulled her over the bridge as well."

Airline offers non-stop flights to Hongkong

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

The first non-stop flights from Britain to Hongkong are to be started by Cathay Pacific next month with the help of a new fuel-efficient Rolls-Royce engine. The 7,500-mile flight, passing over southern Europe, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, India, Burma, and China, will take 13 hours from Gatwick, compared with about 15 hours for the one-stop flights, mostly stopping in the Gulf, offered by the three airlines on the route: British Airways, British Caledonian, and Cathay.

It appears to beat PanAm's claim, initiated last autumn, to have the world's longest non-stop passenger service: 7,487 miles from Los Angeles to Sydney, taking 14 hours.

Cathay hopes to cut the flight time to Hongkong by a further 30 minutes later this year by flying over southern Russia and cutting a corner over Turkey and Iran; but negotiations between Russia and the British Government over that are still continuing.

The new non-stop service will at first operate only on Saturdays; Cathay's existing daily one-stop service calling at Bahrain will continue. Leaving Gatwick at 10 pm on Saturday and arriving at Hongkong at 6 pm on Sunday, it is designed to meet a growing demand from businessmen to reach Hongkong in time to start work there fresh on Monday morning, the airline said.

Sale room

Prints sold for £78,345

By Huon Mallalieu

A woman who has been offered £600 by a dealer for an album containing 18 prints of Swiss view, witnessed their sale at Christie's yesterday for a total of £78,354. She had rejected the dealer's offer because she wanted to use the proceeds to purchase a three-wheel car.

Eighteenth century Swiss coloured etchings are very much in demand, and these, collected by Colonel and Mrs Frederick Paget in the early nineteenth-century, were particularly fine impressions, protected from fading by being kept in an album.

The most expensive, at £14,040, was "Vue de Geneve prise des Eaux Vives" by H L L'Eveque, published about 1770 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000). The buyer, a Swiss dealer, paid a further £11,880 for a second view of Geneva from the same set (estimate £3,000 to £5,000). A view of Mont Blanc by Baron L A G Bacler d'Albe, reached £6,480 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000). This was signed by the artist and dated 1789.

Good prices for other properties in the sale included £11,880 paid by Spink for an album containing Samuel Daniell's coloured aquatints of "African Scenery and Animals," published in 1804-5 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000), and £7,560, paid by a dealer from New York, for a fine proof impression of the etching and engraving "Leopards at Play" by George Stubbs (estimate £3,000 to £5,000).

Yesterday in Bond Street, Sotheby's offered arms and armour, making £60,942 with 6.8 per cent bought in. The second day of the book sale at Sotheby's produced £38,896 with 2.5 per cent bought in.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 28; Bahrain BD 0.650; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.50; Canaries Pes 150; Cyprus 550 mils; Denmark Dkr 7.50; Dubai Dir 7.00; Finland Mkk 7.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.25; Iran IR 135; Iraq LD 0.500; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Jordan LD 0.425; Kuwait KD 0.500; Lebanon L1 4.00; Luxembourg Lf 55; Madeira Esc 120; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 7.50; Oman OR 0.700; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 125; Qatar QR 7.50; Saudi Arabia SR 4.50; Singapore $5.00; Spain Pes 150; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Syria L£5.50; Tunisia Din 0.600; USA $1.50; UAE Dir 7.00; Yugoslavia Din 100

Private schools increase pupil share despite large rise in charges

By Frances Gibb

Private schools have increased their share of the school population despite a 10 per cent rise in fees in the past year, twice the rate of inflation, according to a survey published yesterday.

But independent head teachers said yesterday that they did not wish private schools to benefit from further cuts in spending on state schools. They would threaten the private sector's survival.

The survey, by the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis), shows that the numbers of pupils at independent schools dropped this year by 3,000, or 1 one per cent, a fall in numbers for the second year running because of a dip in the birthrate.

But there had been a much bigger drop, estimated at 3.2 per cent, or 250,000, in the state sector in the 12 months up to January.

Independent schools increased their fees by an average 10 per cent in 1982, often to improve staff-pupil ratios, now 1 to 17 and 1 to 15 respectively for boys' and girls' senior schools.

Average annual fees at independent schools in January were £3,080 for boarders; £1,930 for pupils at combined day and boarding schools and £1,275 for pupils at day schools.

Fees among the main boys' independent schools, which are more expensive, vary from £300 to £1,200 a term for day fees, and from £800 to £1,700 a term for boarders.

But head teachers warned at a press conference in London yesterday of the dangers of further spending cuts which would widen the gap between the two sectors.

Mr Roger Ellis, chairman of the Headmasters' Conference and Master of Marlborough College, said: "It is a very short term view to think we benefit from fewer resources in the state sector."

Independent schools benefited from a healthy, prosperous education system as a whole, he said. "If the maintained sector is starved of further resources, the differences between the two sets become greater and greater and the politics of envy that much sharper." That could make abolition of private schools more likely, Mr Ellis added.

Another head teacher, Mrs Pauline Mathias, president of the Girls' Schools Association and headmistress of More House School, London, said: "We do not want more spending on assisted places at the expense of the maintained sector, but more money generally for that sector".

The survey showed that although the number of pupils helped by the Government's assisted places scheme in its second year rose to 5,100, that was offset by 3,000 fewer places taken up by local authorities at the schools, at 16,930.

A number of pupils left their schools at 15-plus to go either to state schools and sixth-form colleges or, in the case of girls, to boys' schools, although that trend is thought to be declining.

● A preparatory school in Thanet, Kent, is to close next month. Parents of 73 boys at Grenham House, Birchington, have been told the school must close because the number of pupils will drop to 50 by September.

Vietnamese grudge killed 7, court told

Two Vietnamese refugees carried out a revenge attack on an illegal Soho gambling club, starting with a fire in which seven people died, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Only Mr Johnny Ploon, aged 3?, survived the fire in the basement club in Gerrard Street, the centre of London's Chinese communities, Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, said.

Vu Linh Nguyen, aged 24, of Knights House, Huntsman Street, Walworth, and Van Thinh Phan, aged 21 of Rutland House, Milner Estate, Woolwich, both south London, deny arson and murder. Both arrived in Britain in 1979.

On July 17, a number of Vietnamese, including Van Thinh Phan, were gambling at the club, Mr Amlot said. One of them won £70 and the party became excited and noisy. An argument began and one of the Vietnamese was asked to leave.

The others followed and a fight started in the street. "The band of Vietnamese marched off down Gerrard Street, armed themselves with sticks and broken bottles and returned to the club making a lot of noise and banging on parked cars."

When the police were called, the Vietnamese disappeared and the owners of the club decided to close for the night. At 1.30 am, the eight remaining people, all connected to the club, were preparing to go home.

"It was then that the Vietnamese reappeared bent, as became terribly obvious, on the most savage revenge", Mr Amlot said. They returned in a car owned by Vu Linh Nguyen and entered the club with sticks and a can of petrol.

"The occupants of the club were held at bay while petrol was poured over the gaming tables and area inside the door, and the Vietnamese set fire to it as they ran out", he said.

There was only one exit and seven of the eight men inside were trapped and killed. They included three Hong kong Chinese who ran the club, the cleaner, a student and a Vietnamese who slept there.

Mr Ploon ran out of the club and later identified both defendants to the police. The trial continues today.

'Gandhi' to launch cable TV

By Bill Johnstone
Electronics Correspondent

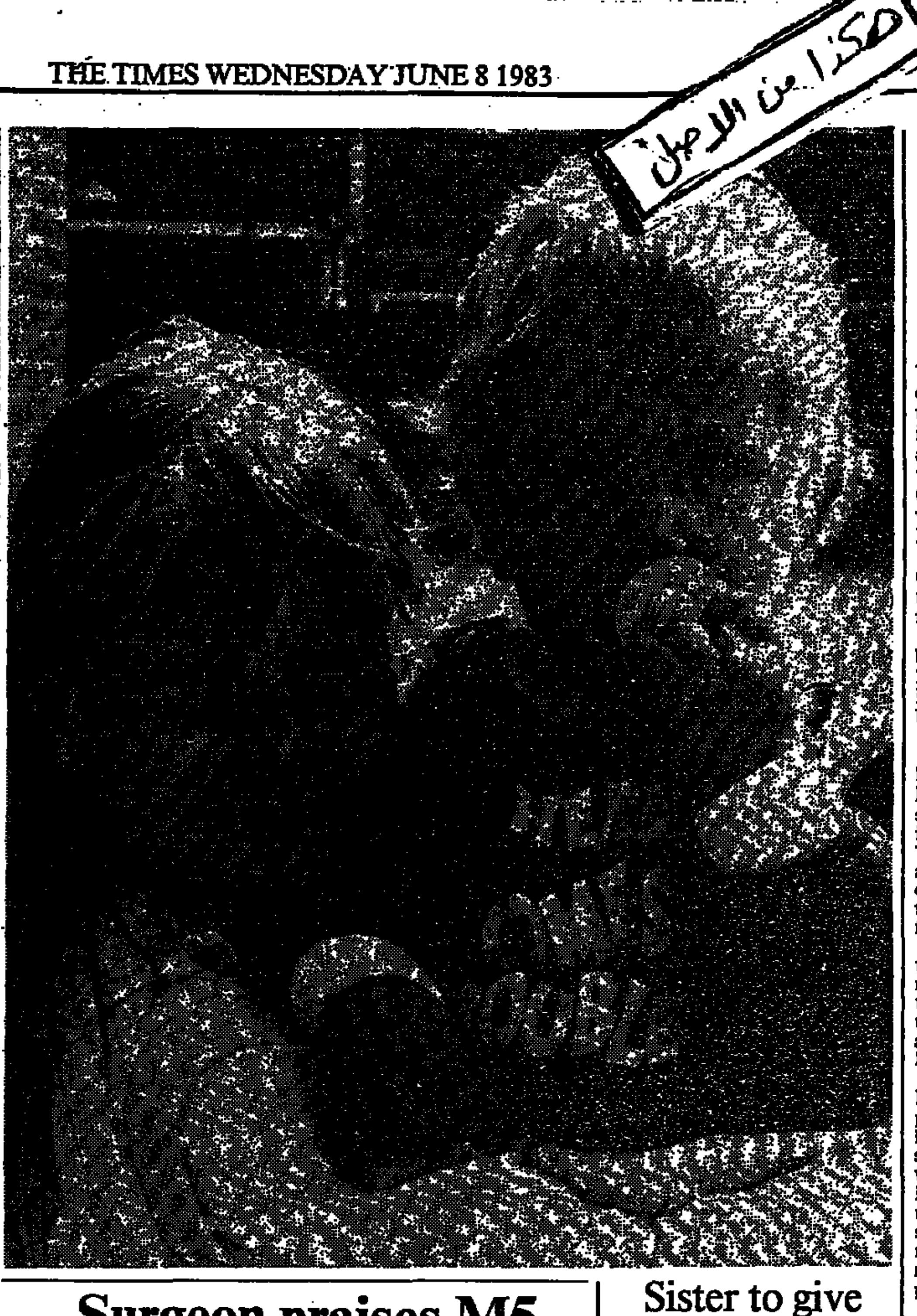
The Oscar-winning films *Gandhi* and *Chariots of Fire* will be two of the first products offered next year to British cable television operators by a new international film consortium led by Goldcrest Films and Television.

The new company, which has yet to be named, will offer a television channel by satellite to cable operators, who will distribute the product for £8 to £10 a month to subscribers. The other partners are Columbia Pictures Industries, a subsidiary of Coca-Cola; CBS: Home Box Office, a subsidiary of Time Inc; and Twentieth-Century Fox Film Corporation.

Goldcrest will have 51 per cent of the equity although it is prepared to share that with another British company.

The group expects to use a satellite trasponder leased from Mercury Communications, the private telecommunications network. The company, which does not expect to make a profit until the fourth year, could be in competition with Satellite Television, currently considering a bid for a 65 per cent share by News International.

Satellite Television will be transmitting on the new European satellite ECS-1, due to be launched this month. The initial plan is to offer of news, sport, drama and comedy for about four hours a day, with programming culled from British, American and Australian sources. Live sports coverage and news feature prominently in the company's future development plans.



Surgeon praises M5 victims' courage

From Our Correspondent, Exeter

A surgeon at the hospital which treated the children injured in the M5 coach crash on Monday, praised their courage yesterday. Dr Peter Bedford, head of the casualty department at the Royal Devon and Exeter hospital, said "We have had very few tears, no hysterics and there have been a great many delightful smiles. They are a great credit to their parents and their school."

He admitted that some of the more severely injured children would face a rehabilitation battle. "Some of the children will face 12 to 18 months of review and revision as they just let their bodies heal as gently as possible".

The most badly injured girl will be transferred to a plastic surgery unit and the boy will be sent to a Liverpool hospital

Dr Bedford added that some of the casualties would face lifelong problems with finger movements. One girl who plays a flute will find it difficult to continue because of the nature of her injuries.

Over the next two days three operating theatres will be made available for the original surgeons to review, revise and re-dress the wounds. Seventeen children will be operated on again. By the weekend a handful of youngsters, and two teachers still detained, Mrs Glenys Pownall, aged 45 and Mrs Janet Healey, aged 33, will be allowed home.

Sister to give boy a chance of life

Simon Jenkins, who is two years old next month, is expected to become the youngest patient to undergo a bone-marrow transplant, when he receives marrow from his sister, Nicola, with whom he is pictured above.

Simon, of Selby Grove, Hartlepool, Cleveland, had leukaemia diagnosed when he was 15 months old. A bone-marrow transplant will give him a greater chance of survival.

The operation is due to take place at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Surrey, close to Simon's birthday next month.

Financial pressures force two peers out of family homes

From Our Correspondent, Exeter

Two neighbouring peers have decided to give up their homes to live in cottages. Lord Devon is to rent out Powderham Castle and live in the grounds beside the River Exe, while Lord Clifford of Chudleigh and his wife are to move to the Channel Islands.

Financial advisers to Lord Clifford, aged 67, warned him that death duties would ruin his family and break up the estate.

The estimated £1.5m could be raised only by selling the 3,000 acre estate at Ugbrooke House, near Exeter, which has been owned by Cliffords since 1560.

Lord Clifford said: "I am heartbroken at the thought of leaving but it is the only solution. I am putting Ugbrooke into a trust for my eldest son, Thomas, and we are moving to a little three-bedroom stone cottage on Guernsey. That way the estate will remain in the family".

When Lord Clifford inherited the estate in 1956 it was in a ruinous state. He has restored the house, bought back many treasures that had been sold off and three years ago opened the house to the public.

In a letter to his 13 tenants Lord Clifford says: "The plan put forward is that the estate is handed over to a trust for my son's family and that we move to Guernsey. The last thing on Earth I want to do is move from the place I consider I have saved and financially I shall be much worse off, so no snide remarks about a tax haven please".

Lord Courtenay, aged 41, son of Lord Devon and owner of the fourteenth century Powderham Castle, home for his father, aged 66, and his mother, aged 75, has decided to offer the castle for rent.

Heavy financial losses were behind Lord Courtenay's decision.

Lord Courtenay who rus an agricultural business on the estate, said: "We are looking for people who like to take on the problems of historic homes

"Even in a good year the castle loses £15,000, despite cutting overheads to the bone. By letting the castle I will not have to sell it or the contents.

"But it costs more than £50,000 a year to run the house and gardens so it is not a suitable property for anyone who is not very wealthy.

Lord Devon, top, and Lord Clifford

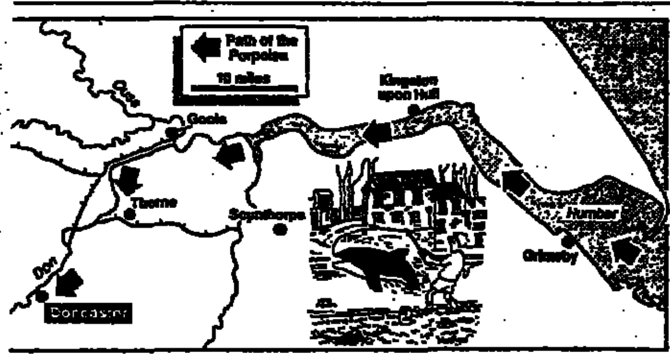
Oppenheim to sell estate

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, the former consumer affairs minister, has put her Gloucestershire estate on the market with an asking price of about £1.5m.

Mrs Oppenheim, who is campaigning for a fifth term as Conservative MP for Gloucester, bought the Sandhurst estate, near the city, with her late husband for almost £1m in 1972.

Part of the property, a 190-acre farm, was sold in 1979 for £454,000. The remaining 732 acres will be auctioned on July 28 in Gloucester.

Mrs Oppenheim could not be contacted yesterday to comment on the reasons for the sale.



Porpoise that swam to fame is moved on

A Porpoise was taken into protective custody yesterday for causing traffic jams on a busy road. Later it was taken by road to the North Sea where the South Yorkshire police felt it would be more at home. It was last seen by coastguards at Bridlington, who reported it to be "swimming quite happily out to sea".

The porpoise was first seen after it swam 80 miles inland from the sea at the weekend in the River Don at Doncaster. The police and the RSPCA decided to leave it alone, but the public decided it was a big attraction and thousands of cars, containing families equipped with binoculars and cameras, poured into the town, creating traffic jams.

Early yesterday the police telephoned Flamingo Land Zoo, near Malton, North Yorkshire, and three experts were soon on their way.

They took with them Gallons of Lanolin and an inflatable rubber boat to give the porpoise a comfortable bed after its capture.

Mr Neville Wilby, the zoo curator, hauled the porpoise out of the water into the boat. On reaching the riverbank, the creature was kept cool and comfortable with the Lanolin and started his journey

Hail damage to crops could cost millions

By a Staff Reporter

The cost of damage to early potatoes, blackcurrents, lettuces and strawberries in the weekend hailstorms in southern England could run into millions of pounds, according to the National Farmers' Union.

One nursery near Bognor Regis in West Sussex, suffered an estimated £30,000 worth of damage when hailstones the size of walnuts broke 8,000 panes of glass.

The union said an area of West Sussex along the Chichester Plain was most severly affected by the storm.

Substantial damages for lecturer

Dr Stephen Haseler, principal lecturer in politics at the City of London Polytechnic, accepted substantial undisclosed damages in settlement of a High Court libel action yesterday over an article in the *New Statesman*.

The article, published in February, 1981, linked his name with a geneticist who was alleged to hold views about "Nordic and Aryan superiority". Dr Haseler had sued Statesman and Nation Publishing, the magazine's printers, QB Ltd, Mr Bruce Page, who was then editor, and Mr Christopher Hitchens, who wrote the article.

Their counsel, Mr Desmond Browne, told Mr Justice French that they accepted that Dr Haseler had never held racist views, and apologized for the distress and embarrassment he had suffered.

Mr Parkes said Dr Haseler had always abhorred the views ascribed to Mr Pearson and there was not a word of any suggestion to the contrary in any of his political or other writings.

Space shuttle goes home

The United States space shuttle prototype left Stansted airport, Essex, yesterday on the first leg of its flight back across the Atlantic after displaying in Europe. Thousands watched as the Boeing 747, which is carrying the shuttle, took off.

The two aircraft were to fly over Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow before leaving British airspace. When the shuttle reached Birmingham, hundreds of people lined the streets to try to catch a glimpse.

Woman found dead at house

The body of a woman was found by police called to a house in Wilstone, Hertfordshire, on Monday, the police said yesterday. A post mortem examination is to be carried out.

The police said a man was being interviewed in connection with the incident. It is believed that the unnamed woman, who was in her early forties, was married.

Bus accident

An Eastern Counties double-deck bus carrying schoolchildren toppled on to its side and fell into a ditch at Somersham, Suffolk, yesterday. The 12 children, two adult passengers and driver were unhurt.

Local video pirates the target for new group

By Kenneth Gosling

A new group to fight video pirates who sell their wares in public houses and clubs and trade from door to door is expected to start bringing local prosecutions next month.

Illegal dealers account for 60 per cent of all video films. It is in an attempt to stop their inroads into the legitimate trade that the organization, to be called Impact, has been set up.

The national problem is being dealt with by the Federation Against Copyright Theft (Fact) which yesterday announced raids in the London area yielding 2,200 pirate video cassettes from dealers and duplicators.

Mr Michael Traill, chairman of Impact, who runs a chain of video shops, mainly in Surrey, said: "The federation is going for the big boys – we are after the guy who runs off a few copies, puts them in the boot of his car and then goes from door to door putting them out at £1 a time".

Mr Michael Traill said Impact would not be a vigilante group. "All prosecutions will be through five solicitors we are appointing at the moment. Proof will be obtained by a private investigation agency. Prosecutions could cost anything from £200 to £1,000 depending on the complexity of the case."

There are about 25,000 video retailers and they will be asked to pay £25 a year subscription.

While Impact nibbles at the problem on a local level, Fact is sifting information received by the public over the last six months in 3,000 letters and telephone calls.

Mr Robert Birch, director general of Fact, said they were building up extensive files on the "big boys" in organized crime, who were at the top of the video piracy pyramid.

Copying equipment worth hundreds of thousands of pounds has been confiscated; one set-up was capable of making 700 prerecorded tapes a day from one stolen master tape or film.

From July 13 a dealer can be fined £1,000 for every pirated video he sells and can be sent to prison.

One of Fact's main tasks, Mr Birch said, is to educate video dealers about the risks they are soon about to run by trading in pirated material.



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Fringe parties fight 300 seats in search of new political dawn

By Richard Evans

At first sight, Wally the Wellie, campaigning for subsidized cheese and pickle sandwiches on behalf of the Official Monster Raving Loony Party in Esher, has little in common with Clifford Slapper, the Socialist Party of Great Britain's token general election candidate standing in Islington, South.

But in the world of political opinion polls, the seismic policy gap between "Mr" Wellie, Mr Clifford and the other 300-odd fringe candidates standing tomorrow counts for nothing as they all gain automatic entry to an exclusive "party", euphemistically known as Others.

On a more practical level they are united by being electoral failures. The bounds of political speculation do not have to be stretched to realize that none of the minority candidates will be elected to Parliament; virtually all will lose their £150 deposit, and many will fail to pick a vote for every pound lost. So why do they do it?

As in some of the bigger parties, there is an ideological split within the Others. Apart from the Monster parties (swelled by the addition of the Green Chicken Alliance), Freddie's Alternative Medicine Party, the Fancy Dress Party and the Nobody Party, there is a second group that advances "serious" policies and manifestos, and which foresees electoral success, albeit some years away.

Out on its own this time is the Ecology Party, which is fielding 108 candidates. It is probably the one minority group taken seriously by the average voter. The party's main aim is to achieve 5 per cent of the vote on Thursday. That would put them on a par with the Greens in West Germany who have 27 MPs thanks to proportional representation, as the Ecology Party is quick to point out.

"If the SDP/Liberal Alliance successfully demanded the introduction of PR we could then take off in quite a big way", Mr Colin McGrady, a member of the party's campaign team, says.

"In many ways we are in the same position as the Labour Party was at the end of the last century when faced with the Tory and Liberal stranglehold on Parliament. Suddenly they got their first seat and they never looked back."

Ironically, the Revolutionary Communist Party, which is putting up four candidates, has discovered that money can be made out of elections. "You can raise as much money locally as you spend. We made a profit out of running a candidate in the Bermondsey by-election", Mr Pat Roberts says.

Not that cash is the electoral incentive for the RCP. Like all the other "serious" contenders, it is preparing for the new political dawn which, it says, is just round the corner. "We are doing this for the future. We don't think the present electoral system and balance of party forces can sustain things for long. People will look for new alternatives as a result of what is going on."

Also offering a distinctly different choice is the Workers Revolutionary Party, with its 21 candidates. Unlike the rest of the fringe, it does not automatically assume defeat. "We do not go into it expecting candidates not to be elected and we do not go into the campaign expecting our candidates will lose their deposits", Mr Corin Redgrave, a member of the WRP's central committee, says.

The Communist Party has, in the distant past, tasted electoral victory, but this week the best it can hope for from its 35 nominees is a retained deposit in the Rhondda.

"We conduct fairly consistent political activity. If we did not take part in elections we would not be regarded as a serious political party; I don't think we would consider ourselves as a political party," Mr Gerry Pocock, the party's campaign organizer, says.

"We get quite an encouraging response to our campaign and we increase membership. Most people have not got a clue what our policies are. They have an idea of our image from the media and think we are a sinister manipulative organization that is controlling CND, and God knows what else.

"Our experience is that when people come into contact with our politics and living communists they get a completely different impression."

At the other end of the political rainbow, the National Front has shrunk its election effort compared to 1979 when 303 candidates stood – and all lost their deposit. This time 60 candidates are espousing the Front's extreme right-wing views.

"We see the whole exercise as building up our organization and membership. We will make a profit out of fighting this election", Mr Michael Salt, the Front's administrative officer, says. "It lets people know we are still very much around."

All the minority parties say they are determined to keep contesting elections. But a £1,000 deposit may finally obliterate the mirage of political glory for the fringe.

Saatchis win the advertisers' vote

By David Hewson

If the scent of election victory is already wafting around Downing Street, it is positively overwhelming in the environs of Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency contracted to handle the account which aims to return the Conservatives to No 10.

A survey of London advertising agency chiefs revealed this week that, whatever their political leanings, most admired the Saatchis' strident election advertising. "They should both be invited to the first post-election cocktail party, even if they do not want to go," one agency chairman said, reflecting the widespread belief that there was some initial reluctance on the part of the Saatchi brothers to take on the account which they handled so successfully for Mrs Thatcher 1979.

But Saatchis' prizes may be short-lived. The very impact of the Tory campaign is likely to increase the pressure for some form of legal control on the funds used for political advertising. While the law exercises strict regulation of the funds used by individual parliamentary candidates as election expenses, and frequently inflicts an embarrassing punishment on minor and inadvertent offenders, the big guns of the national campaigns are totally unfettered.

Mr Tony Bodinetz, vice-chairman of the KMP agency, one of Labour's advertising advisers in 1979, and today a member of the SDP, said: "I would ban advertising and opinion polls throughout the campaign. It would be the only way to equalize the advantage. There is no institutional way in which each party can be given equal amounts to spend on its own campaign. The present rules are grossly unfair."

All of the major parties refuse to say how much they spend on media campaigns. Unofficial estimates suggest that the Conservatives' total budget of £20m includes at least £2m for advertising, while nearly half of Labour's £2m budget will go the same way. The Alliance, affected by cash difficulties which have not yet been fully detailed, has virtually abandoned conventional media for posters on the sides of vans.

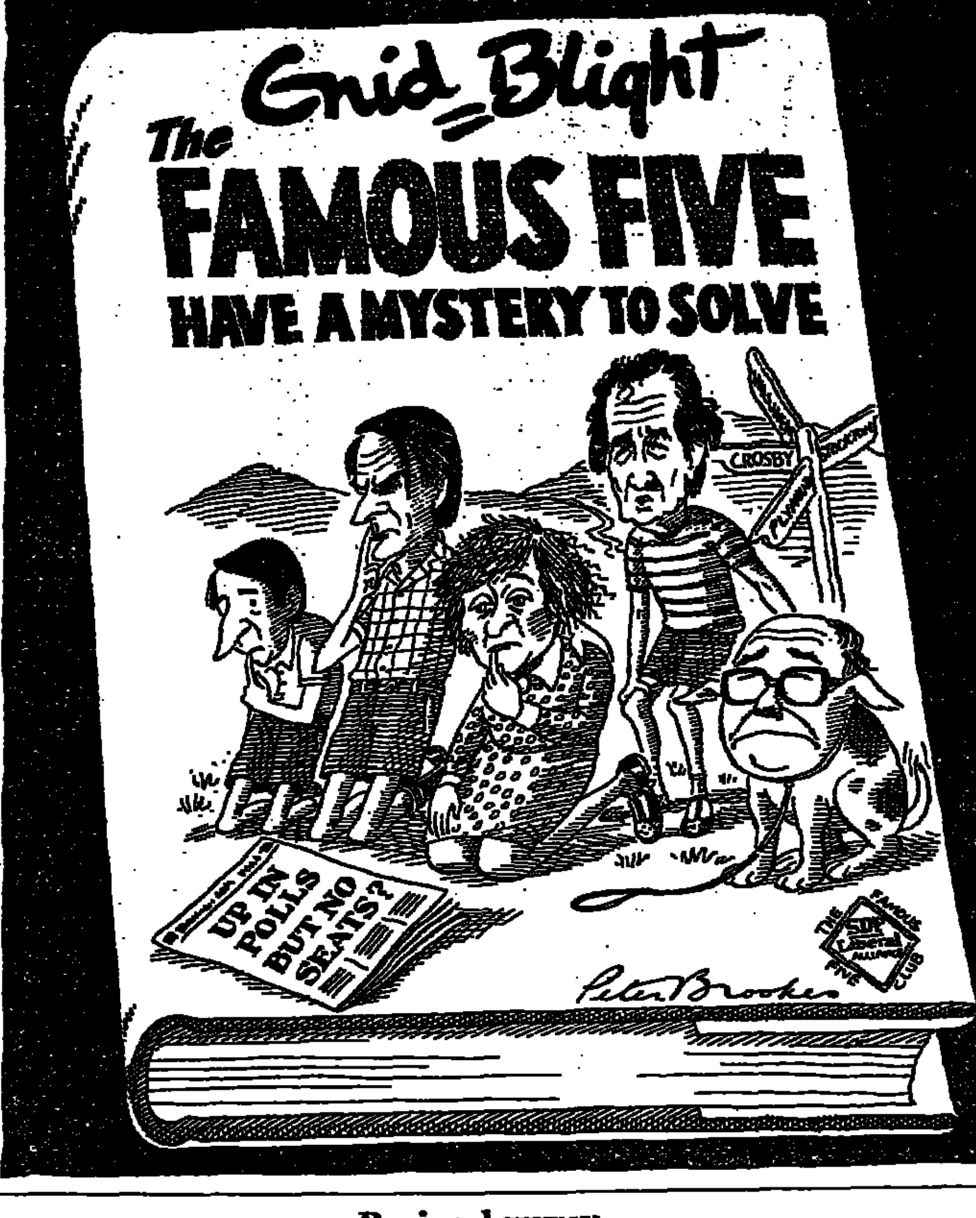
Mr Nick Grant, Labour's director of publicity, said: "I do not think advertising wins or loses elections. But some of our advertising is aimed at uncertain Labour voters."

Mr Winston Fletcher, chairman of the Ted Bates agency, said: "All the research evidence suggests that advertising is a very peripheral influence, affecting 1 or 2 per cent of voters. It is primarily there to rally the troops rather than to make converts."

The chief dissenter is Mr Tim Delaney, creative partner of Leagas Delaney, and another former Labour supporter now floating in the direction of the SDP.

"All the campaigns have been disappointing. The SDP posters were found to be at best confusing and at worst offensive. The Labour campaign is a reflection of what the party wants to say rather than what the public wants to hear. It is about pessimism and gloom."

Mr John Mallows, media director of Young & Rubicam, was more to the point. "The only campaign I have really been aware of is the Conservative Party campaign, which I regard as superb. The copy is hard-hitting and I like the trenchant way it has spelt out a number of issues which seems to reflect the Thatcherite approach."



Paisley band hits the road

From Richard Ford, Belfast

For the third time that evening the voice called for quiet while the Loyalist band struck up and the unmistakable sound of the "big man" led everyone in God Save the Queen.

The tune was destined to be sung with unashamed fervour at every stop on a gruelling schedule of canvassing by the Rev. Ian Paisley on a damp misty night in his North Antrim constituency. Around him the uniformed Royal Ulster Constabulary men were at attention together with the armed, plain clothes officers who shadow his every move.

A small group of working class men and women sang with intensity, cars on the main road halted and only a few teenage youths shuffled in apparent embarrassment at the display of patriotism.

But Mr Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, feels no such embarrassment, whether it is loudly singing the National Anthem to a tiny crowd or holding up the traffic while he marches at the head of the John Calvin Memorial Band before crowds which are small compared with those he used to attract.

In the small villages of the Bannside, where he began his political career, Ulster's loyalty is proclaimed for all to see. The kerbstones are painted red, white and blue and the red hand of Ulster is often painted on the road.

Mr Paisley enjoys his canvassing as he marches at the head of a band. He greets constituents with a wave and a shake of his rolled umbrella.

Are they drawn by the band or to catch a glimpse of the man who loudly proclaims himself leader of Ulster's Protestants?

It is probably a bit of both, but Mr Paisley is an old trooper who knows that few Ulstermen can resist a band. The smallest street is never missed, though in the obviously middle-class areas he restricts himself to driving in a car urging people to support him from a loudhailer.

But working class areas that are his natural constituency are treated to a thunderous message. They are praised for their support and fidelity.

The core of his message is aimed at Pearce McMahon, the Provisional Sinn Fein candidate whom he castigates as the "Ballymoney bomber". His voice rising, Mr Paisley shouts: "Now, in the heartland of loyal County Antrim, this IRA frontman is standing. I want you to help me to devastate him at this election."

The canvass finishes with a reminder to everyone to vote for him as the man who is for God and Ulster prepared to defend the faith and freedom of "our beloved province."

Then he is off, a cavalcade of cars, many bearing the words "Jesus saves" on their windscreen, travelling to the next village.

It is a punishing pace, but he is recognised as a formidable campaigner who has built a powerful base which should secure him another five years at Westminster on Thursday.

Old trooper: Mr Paisley out canvassing.

Regional survey

Disenchantment favours Tories

By Arthur Osman

The Labour Party's failure to convince the 16.4 per cent unemployed of the West Midlands that they have solutions to the region's most crucial issue will probably cost them dearly tomorrow.

Local opinion polls have suggested that up to 13 Labour seats may be lost and despite three visits to the area by Mr Michael Foot and other members of the Shadow Cabinet, there has been little to stem the tide and bolster support.

The failure has been lamentable and the predicted role of the region as one of the election's main cockpits has not materialized. The forecast vote is not dividing along the "two nation" line of employed and unemployed as was predicted.

There are few worse examples in Britain of the extreme effects of the economic deterioration in a once proud and prosperous area.

Labour has failed to provide sufficient answers for its regeneration with a campaign of remarkable sterility and lack of credibility. In particular they have failed to convince the electorate that they have viable plans to raise the vast sums of money necessary to foot the bill to create more jobs.

A significant, if as yet little regarded fact that could have made its mark was Mrs Margaret Thatcher's appointment of Mr John Butcher from Coventry, South-west, as minister with special responsibilities for the region.

He took up the post only days before the election was announced but it was an important signpost of the Government's intent to reverse the slide to oblivion. Mr Butcher can expect that his appointment will merit an increased personal vote on his present 5,654 majority.

The electorate, clearly more sophisticated than Labour would allow, seems to have spotted the holes in the manifesto and has drifted away in large numbers.

One of the most illuminating holes of all was in Birmingham, Yardley which is said to be one of the two most working class Conservative seats in Britain. Asked which party would be best at reducing local unemployment, Labour and Conservative tied at 34 per cent each.

That Perry Barr might lose Mr Jeffrey Rooker would be sad, but assiduous attention to constituency and other matters such as he and others have shown are unlikely to account for much in the hours ahead.

The region's only ethnic candidates are both fighting for the Conservatives in Birmingham. However, Mrs Pramilla Le Hunte at Ladywood and Mr Paul Nischal at Small Heath, both Asian, seem unlikely to get elected in the projected landslide. But it is known that Mrs Le Hunte's chances, particularly in persuading many entrepreneurial Asians to her side, have led some Conservative officials to stake modest amounts with their bookmakers on a suprise win.

The Alliance is confident that the movement to them in the poll presages substantial achievements with support generally holding at about 13 per cent. Their best prospect is at Hereford.

Having canvassed 75 per cent of the constituency, Liberals say Labour support has fallen to about 6 per cent. The Alliance also has hopes at Wyre Forest, Shrewsbury and at Atcham, Mid-Staffordshire, Ludlow, Nuneaton and The Wrekin.

One Liberal official said: "Very few places south of Stoke-on-Trent are now safe for Labour with their failure to provide real solutions to the unemployeds' most pressing problem.

The indispensable aide

By Michael Knipe

When the David Steel campaign bus turns the corner into the town centre, Lord Chitnis is standing at the driver's side staring ahead like a captain on a ship's bridge.

Pratap Chitnis, who engineered the Liberal Party's success in Orpington 20 years ago, is Mr Steel's right-hand man on the election trail; with a professional assessment of the waiting crowd he decides whether it is going to be a 10 minute, 20 minute or half an hour stop.

For the past week it has been all long stops; in each town the crowds have exceeded expectations.

"My God it's huge," Lord Chitnis says as a gathering of 500, or sometimes 1,000, is encountered. And as a consequence time has to be made up elsewhere.

The growing crowds are seen as tangible evidence of the increasing popularity of the SDP-Liberal Alliance in the opinion polls and the enthusiastic roadside receptions are understandably boosting the morale of the Liberal leader and his aides.



Lord Chitnis

THE ISSUES TRANSPORT

Deep rift on social priorities

By Michael Baily Transport Editor

Public transport has been a political football for years and remains an issue on which Conservative and Labour are deeply divided.

Labour sees public transport as a "major social priority" to which people have a right, even at the cost of high subsidies to keep socially necessary buses and railways going. Labour also espouses an "integrated transport system" to eliminate unnecessary competition and duplication.

The party's manifesto promises a national transport authority to secure this integration; the "proper support" from local authorities to see that public transport is adequate; improvements in British Rail including more electrification and greater priority for rail freight, and nationwide off-peak half-price fares for pensioners.

The Conservatives, apparently doubtful that transport is a social priority in the first place, believe that competition and the market place will, on the whole, be the best means of providing the most effective services at the least cost to taxpayers and ratepayers. Having already "privatized" ports, many railway hotels, and the state-owned lorries and warehouses of the National Freight Coporation, they propose to follow up by selling off British airways and parts of the National Bus Company and the British Airports Authority.

The extreme positions taken by Labour and Conservatives leave plenty of room for the Alliance to fit snugly in between. The Alliance manifesto promises better transport planning and investment "linked with modernized operating practices" and rejects "negative" approaches to the future of rail transport. But that, so far as the Alliance document is concerned, is as far as it goes.

THE ISSUES PENSIONS

By Lorna Bourke

Pensions, an emotive issue, feature with varying degrees of emphasis in the main parties' manifestos. But the focus has shifted from state benefits to the inequities of occupational pension schemes and in particular the treatment of job-changers.

Labour makes a firm commitment to reform, proposing via a Pension Schemes Act greater member participation and more protection for early leavers.

Conservative policy on occupational pensions is to persuade the pension industry to introduce its own reforms, though new legislation is not ruled out. The manifesto restricts commitments to a better deal for early leavers.

The SDP/Liberal Alliance concentrates on state benefits, promising an extra £5.50 a week for a single pensioner and £10 for married couples, paid for by a gradual phasing out of married man's tax allowance and by not indexing fully personal tax allowances. There is also a commitment to a biannual pension review.

The Conservatives make no specific commitment to improve state pensions but promise to continue protecting against inflation.

Labour initially would uprate state pensions in November by the full amount necessary to take account of inflation and increase pensions "as soon as practicable"

Tomorrow: State industries

CONSTITUENCY PROFILE Bradford W

SDP man tests personal vote

CANDIDATES
E. Lyons (SDP/All)
S. Day (C)
M. Madden (Lab)
Ms B Slaughter (WRP)

Profile of Bradford West		
1981	% Own Occ	61.2
1981	% Loc Auth	27.2
1981	% Black/Asian	28
1981	% Mid cl	41.9
1981	% Prof man	12.4
1982	electorate	71.847
1979	BBC/ITN notional result: Lab	7,900

Key: % Owner Occ: proportion owning their own homes; % Loc auth: proportion of council tenants; % Black/Asian: Proportion from New Commonwealth or Pakistan; % Mid cl: Proportion of non-manual workers; % Prof man: Professions, higher managers, and independent farmers; BBC/ITN notional result: Calculation of what result would have been in 1979 in new boundary constituencies by joint BBC/ITN study team.

1979 General election: Lyons E. (Lab) 24,309; Stow T. (C) 16,554; Flood N. (Lib) 3,668; Brown G. (Nat Front) 633 Lab maj 7,755

Calculating the strength of a personal vote is causing Mr Edward Lyons some agony at the moment. The sitting member for Bradford West claims to have achieved the biggest swing to Labour of any MP in England and Wales at the last general election, but two years ago he left Labour for the Social Democrats.

June 9 will tell him how much his impressive build-up of the Labour vote in the city was on his personal account, how many former Labour or Tory supporters he has been able to persuade to the SDP view and how much the swing to Labour was caused by the simple fact that the social shape of the constituency had changed and more Labour voters had moved there.

The local election results were not promising for Mr Lyons. The SDP came third, although he insists that result will not automatically be repeated in a general election when people were more awake to the issues. "I understand the difficulties here and Bradford cannot afford to lose any more jobs. In the Labour areas there is a tremendous bitterness against Mrs Thatcher. The textile mill have suffered an enormous fall in the amount of work they can provide. People have terrible problems", he said.

It is not Mrs Thatcher that the SDP need worry about directly in Bradford West but the new Labour Party prospect, Mr Max Madden, who was MP for Sowerby until that constituency was absorbed into the new boundaries of Halifax.

Mr Madden said: "As an ex-MP I think it is more helpful to look at the objective evidence of the local elections rather than guess about the strength of a personal vote. If you aggregate the votes here Labour had more than 13,000, the Tories 11,000 and SDP 6,000. I agree that it would be unwise to project those figures into a general election result, but they do show a significant shift towards Labour."

Mr Madden prefers not to wear left or right labels, but he does support firmly all the radical measures in the Labour manifesto.

A crucial factor in the Bradford West campaign will be which party attracts the ethnic minority vote, predominently Pakistanis, who with Indians, West Indians and Polish communities form almost 30 per cent of the electorate. While employment runs at a general average of 15 per cent some parts of Bradford West have nearly 50 per cent male unemployment because the textile industry, which attracted so many immigrants to a better-paid life, has slumped so severely.

Community leaders complain that it is 143 times harder for a young Asian to get work than a young white. This compounded the problems between the communities. Some Asians were offended by the Tory "black-white" poster, others dismissed it as irrelevant. There is some Conservative support among the businessmen but individuals I met felt that the immigration and nationality laws introduced by the Government discriminated against them. Others who would give support to Mr Lyons would take some convincing that an SDP vote ran the risk of letting the Tory in through a divided Labour vote.

All this spells a difficult contest for Mr Lyons and for Mr Stephen Day, a sales representative fighting the seat for the Tories. His supporters are encouraged by the strong Conservative vote in 1979. Divisions in the Labour Party and the alternative offered by Mr Lyons may help to stabilize their relative position.

Mr Day dismissed any chance of Mr Lyons absconding with a major share of Labour votes. The real fight, he said, was between himself and the Labour Party. "Between a government that has stuck to its guns with courage and a divided left-wing dominated Labour Party

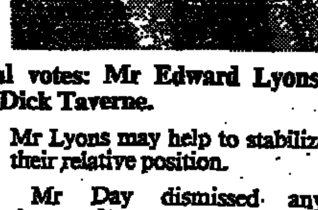
Ronald Faux

Tomorrow: Tooting, Colne Valley









Candidates chasing personal votes: Mr Edward Lyons (left) and Mr Dick Taverne.

CONSTITUENCY PROFILE Dulwich

Taverne eclipsed by Tories

CANDIDATES
G. Bowden (C)
R. Baker (Eco)
Miss C. Hoey (Lab)
D. Taverne (SDP/All)
R. W. Vero (Loony Socy)

Profile of Dulwich		
1981	% Own Occ	38.0
1981	% Loc Auth	41.8
1981	% Black/Asian	16
1981	% Mid cl	58.7
1981	% Prof man	18.1
1982	electorate	57,273
1979	BBC/ITN notional result:	C maj 500

1979 General election: Silkin S. C. (Lab) 18,557; Morley E. (C) 18,435; Pearson W. H. (L) 4,759; Thompson D. (Nat Front) 920; Smart O. (Ecology) 468. Lab maj: 122.

Mr Dick Taverne, the former minister, Labour rebel, star of television and radio and seasoned election campaigner, thinks he has a good chance of winning highly marginal Dulwich for the SDP. His opponents say he has no chance.

When he fought last year's by-election in neighbouring Peckham, he came second to Labour after an impressive swing to the Alliance. In spite of an apparent rift with the Dulwich Liberals, who object to him being foisted upon them, Mr Taverne is by far the most experienced of the three candidates and should be able to build significantly on the 4,759 Liberal votes cast in 1979.

This south London seat, the more prosperous of the two Southwark constituencies, went to Mr Sam Silkin, the Labour Attorney General, in 1964, but his comfortable majority was whittled away to a mere 122 when he fought Mr Eric Morley, the Conservative Miss World man, in 1979.

Mr Taverne, the hero of Lincoln in 1973, believes that Labour cannot win this time because traditional Labour supporters are disillusioned by the leadership and its stance on issues like defence and because the northern Barset ward, a socialist stronghold, has gone under the boundary changes to Peckham.

Miss Kate Hoey, aged 34, a co Antrim Protestant socialist who describes herself as the "sensible left" Labour candidate, believes she has done enough in the constituency in the last 18 months, including a lot of casework in the northern council estates, to offset the loss of Barset.

Miss Hoey, a former Northern Ireland high jump champion who is now educational adviser to Arsenal Football Club and a senior lecturer at Kingsway College, adds: "I am convinced I will hold Dulwich with an increased majority. Where the Tory vote is strong Mr Taverne is taking some votes, but he is not getting into the council estates."

She admits to encountering doubts among Labour supporters about Mr Michael Foot and sees herself as a "Kinnockite". The women's vote is also crucial: "Last time, women were responsible for getting the Tories in and this time they will make sure they do not win; they are more concerned about peace and the future of the world than men."

But the most likely result in Dulwich is a Conservative victory. The candidate, Mr Gerry Bowden, is a barrister, like Mr Taverne, and is principal lecturer in law at the South Bank Polytechnic. He believes there will substantial Labour abstentions and switched votes, mostly to himself. In the local elections of May 1982, Dulwich went Conservative by 2,000 votes over Labour and this, Mr Bowden calculates indicates a 1,500 majority in a general election.

The burden of Greater London Council rates, the frustrations of council tenants who might be refused the right to buy their homes by a Labour government, and private education (Dulwich has three independent schools) are the principal local issues, Mr Bowden says.

With his training as a surveyor in mind, he sees himself as a Tory who is "structurally sound with damp patches".

Edward Townsend

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Labour and Alliance locked in dispute over second place

By David Hewson

Labour and the Alliance are locked in bitter dispute about who is in second place, but Britain still seems to be on the brink of a Conservative landslide victory.

The latest regional polls analysis by Gallup, taken before the Alliance bandwagon had started to roll, revealed that by last weekend Labour was performing disastrously in the industial heartlands of the Midlands and was outnumbered by support for the Steel-Jenkins camp in the South-west by more than three to one.

If the personal estimate of the leading pollster Mr Robert Worcester, of MORI, is correct – he believes the parties' standing is now 46 per cent for the Tories, 29 per cent for the Alliance – Mrs Thatcher can look forward to an overall majority of 252 seats.

According to the Swingometer computer programme originally produced for the Downing Street Policy Unit, if the predictions of Mr Worcester prove correct, six SDP MPs, the party leader Mr Roy Jenkins (Glasgow, Hillhead), Mr Ian Wigglesworth (Stokton, South), Mr John Horam (Newcastle upon Tyne, Central), Mr Neville Sandelson (Hayes and Harlington), Mr Tom Bradley (Leicester East) and Mr Tom McNally (Stockport) would lose their seats, and Labour's Tony Benn would be beaten by a Tory candidate.

All the computer forecasts being issued at the moment must carry a degree of error since they are working on voting estimates for the new constituency boundaries. Swingometer's results vary by about five seats according to the type of poll information fed into it through an Osborne 1 computer. Below we print the seats which would change hands on the poll estimate of Mr Worcester according to the programme.

The programme does not include the results of by-elections and the nominal losers of each seat changing hands is the party which would have won on the new boundaries had they been in force in 1979.

The regional figures released by Gallup show the Tories winning additional support in all areas except the North, where they have dropped five points; the East Midlands, Scotland and the South-east. Labour backing has fallen dramatically in many of the working-class areas most affected by the recession, except in Scotland, which has registered the party's only rise in popularity, one per cent.

The Alliance registered a significant swing in most areas, notably in the South-west, where it running an easy second to the Tories. But because of the Alliance's spread of support, the message is not totally reassuring. Even if the South-west swing was converted into votes, it would only result in four seats changing hands – and all of them from Labour to the Tories.

Mr Denis Healey, Labour's deputy leader, said yesterday that some newspapers and the BBC had been trying to "hype" the Alliance with the evidence of the polls.

The important polls were in the key marginals, he added. MORI, which carries out polls for Labour as well as newspapers, had carried out an intensive poll of Stockton, North, which showed Labour with 42 per cent, the Tories with 33 per cent, and Mr William Rodgers, the Alliance candidate, with 25 per cent. This, and other marginal polls, showed a late surge to Labour, Mr Healey added.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Conservative chairman, said that seats which the party had once regarded as marginals were now virtually safe. He indicated that they could win the seat of Blackburn, Burnley and Hyndburn, the previously safe Labour seat of Accrington.

Regional voting intentions % (Gallup poll June 5)

Region	C (1979)	Lab	Lib/SDP
North	32 (37.5)	47 (48.8)	21 (13.1)
North-east	42 (38.4)	40 (45.3)	18 (15.1)
North-west	39 (42.1)	39.5 (44.4)	21.5 (12.7)
E Midlands	39.5 (45.5)	34 (40.4)	26 (12.4)
W Midlands	51 (45.9)	29 (41.5)	20 (11.1)
East Anglia	56.5 (50.1)	17 (32.7)	27 (15.9)
South-east	55.5 (55.2)	19 (26.6)	25 (17.1)
Greater London	49.5 (44.9)	32 (40.9)	18 (11.5)
South-west	54.5 (50.8)	11 (26.1)	34 (21.1)
Scotland	31.5 (31.8)	43 (42.1)	18.5 (9)
Wales	34.5 (32.2)	46 (49.4)	16 (10.4)

The Conservatives will win the following seats with new boundaries from Labour if they receive 46 per cent of the vote, Labour 29 per cent and the Liberal/SPD Alliance 25 per cent.

Bishop Auckland
Darlington
Newcastle U Tyne C
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Stockton South
Batley and Spen
Bradford South
Carlisle
Colne Valley
Copeland
Dewsbury
Doncaster Central
Great Grimsby
Halifax
Huddersfield
Workington
York
Barrow in Furness
Blackburn
Bolton South East
Bolton West
Burnley
Bury South
Crewe and Nantwich
Denton and Reddish
Halton
Heywood and Middleton
Hyndburn
Knowsley North
Littleboro and Sadlwth
Manchester Wythenshw
Oldham Cent & Royston
Preston
Stalybridge and Hyde
Stockport
West Lancashire
Amber Valley
Ashfield
Derby North
Derby South
Leicester East
Leicester South
Newark
Blackburn
Nottingham East
Nottingham North
Nottingham South
South Derbyshire
Birmingham Erdington
Birmingham Hodge Hl
Birmingham Perry Bar
Cannock & Burntwood
Coventry North West
Dudley East
Newcastle-under-Lyme
North Warwickshire
Nuneaton
Walsall North
Walsall South
Warley East
West Bromwich East
Wolverhampton NE
Ipswich
NE Cambridgeshire*
Norwich South
Harlow
Slough
Southampton Itchen
Thurrock
Dulwich
Edmonton
Erith and Crayford
Feltham and Heston
Hammersmith
Lewisham East
Lewisham West
Mitcham and Morden
Norwood
Tooting
Walthamstow
Bristol East
Kingswood
Swindon
Aberdeen South
Caithness & Sutherln
Cumbernauld & Kisyth
East Lothian
Edinbutgh Central
Edinburgh Leith
Edinburgh Pentlands
Glasgow Cathcart
Glasgow Hillhead
Paisley South
Alyn and Deeside
Cardiff S & Penarth
Ceredigion & Pembkn*
Montgomery*
Newport East
Newport West
Swansea West

*Lib/SDP Alliance would win seat from Lab.

	1979	Now	Gain	Loss	1979%	Est%
(C)	357	451	97	3	44.90	46.00
(Lab)	264	166	0	98	37.70	29.00
(Lib/SDP)	8	12	4	0	14.10	25.00

Conservative overall majority of 252 seats.

Swings: Lab to SDP 9.8%, C to SDP 4.9%, Lab to C 4.9%.

Arithmetic lesson: Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services illustrates a point with drawings which prompted objections at the Conservatives' Westminster press conference yesterday (Julian Haviland writes).

The drawings which he displayed for television were intended to illustrate the increasing demands on the health and welfare services and the Government's claim to have protected them fully.

Mr Fowler said the Government was spending twice as much on the health service this year as Labour spent in 1978-79 – £15.5 billion against £7.75 billion, an increase of 17 per cent in real terms. A representative of *The Times* objected that the two bags of cash in one drawing represented a quadrupling rather than a double of the provision and was seriously misleading. Mr Fowler replied that the figures were clear and there was no prospect of seriously misleading anyone.

The display also recorded an increase in the number of retirement pensions from £8,530,000 in 1979 to £9,040,000 in 1983, a rise of nearly six per cent. The illustrative row of pensioners in another drawing, however, suggested a four-fold increase in the size of the demand on the public purse over the four years.

Labour and the Conservatives have made more use in this campaign of visual images at their Westminster press conferences, of which the main purpose now is to provide material for lunchtime television and radio news bul letins, as well as for evening papers.

Television journalists say that Labour has scored best, with graphics better designed for the television screen. Yesterday's effort by the Conservatives was more skillful. But in spite of the accuracy of the accompanying statistical information, the message conveyed by the pictorial images was false. It was none the less powerful.

(Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

Tories 'will not cut health cash'

By Amanda Haigh

Cuts in National Health Service spending by a reelected Conservative Government were out of the question Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, pledged yesterday.

The only review of public expenditure plans for the health service set out in the Govenment's White Paper would be upwards, he told the Conservatives' early morning press conference.

And there were no plans at the moment to give tax concessions to private health insurance, he said, but added: "I think it would be something for a future Conservative Government to consider."

The second appearance of Mr Fowler and his deputy Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister of Health, and the re-emphasis on the health service at the press conference reflects the concern with which the party views poll findings that on the health issue, more voters trust the Labour Party. It is thought that the Tories' private polls are showing greater concern about the health service than at the beginning of the campaign.

Mr Fowler, believed by colleagues to be a good public exponent of the Tory record has been conducting a strong defensive campaign. Yesterday he attacked the "false and fatuous claims" made by Labour and repeated the assurance that the NHS was safe with the Conservatives.

Pressed repeatedly about the likelyhood of there being no spending cuts, he said he was confident of this as far as health and social security was concerned.

"We have set out our spending plans in the White Pper and these plans will be subject to further consideration and upwards review if that is necessary. We are not making a commitment on the amount of money we will be spending above what is in the public expenditure White apaper. There is no question of a downward review taking place on the public expenditure White Paper figures already published."

He refused to be drawn on the likely hood of future increases in prescription charges under a new Conservative Government.

Tomato and flour bomb fail to mar Foot tour

From David Felton, Manchester

The final stages of Mr Michael Foot's campaign yesterday took him to the north-west for the third time and an eventful and enthusiastic tour of the Manchester area in an open-topped bus.

During the four hour tour Mr Foot was hit by a tomato, a militant Tory grandmother scored a direct hit on the bus with an egg, and there was a narrow miss by a flourbomb thrown by a group of punks.

Despite the missiles it was agreed that the tour of more than a dozen constituencies was a success, after the fiasco of a similar exercise in Leicester earlier in the campaign.

Labour faces a tough fight in the north-west to retain or win several marginal constituencies in what has been a traditional socialist heartland.

It is a measure of the partys concern that Mr Foot was paying his third visit of the campaign to the north-west and was accompanied on the bus by candidates fighting the marginals.

He told party workers not to be disheartened by the opinion polls, saying that reports from the marginals showed that the Labour vote was holding up well.

In a speech in Bury last night, Mr Foot said that tomorrow the British people must say no to cruise missiles, because Mrs Thatcher's plans "would cripple disarmament talks in the future".

What marked the tour out as a success was the obvious organization that had ensured that at every stop he was greeted by large crowds.

Rate rises to be curbed soon, Thatcher says

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

Legislation promised in the Conservative manifesto to give the Government a general power to limit domestic and industrial rate increases will be introduced in the first parliamentary session if the Tories are re-elected, the Prime Minister said yesterday.

The Bill will also provide powers to curb excessive rate rises by high spending councils. Mrs Thatcher said on the BBC Radio 4 programme, *Election Call* that the legislation would take a year to go through and probably would not be fully operative before 1985-86.

Already, it is clear that MPs will have a heavy first legislative programme if the Tories are returned.

Labour and unions in 'indissoluble unity'

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The Labour Party yesterday promised its trade union allies that, come what may, their "indissoluble unity" would not be broken by divisive Conservative legislation. Mr James Mortimer, the party general secretary, took this eve of poll message yesterday to the conference of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, where he was given a standing ovation for promising that Labour will not cut loose from its trade union roots.

In a speech that was remarked upon for its absence of optimism about the result on polling day, he argued: "To defend the interests of working people we need not only industrial strength. That was always important. You need a strong union. But collective bargaining is not sufficient. You need to influence the environment in which you work. You need a thriving railway system, industrial prosperity and you cannot do that by collective bargaining alone – no matter how competent your officials or how strong your union may be. "You need a combination of industrial and political action. It was that understanding that first led trade unionists to form the Labour Party."

That coalition would continue, he promised. Mr Derrick Fullick, the president of Aslef had insisted: "A vote for Labour is a vote for the railways. Let no member or his family be in doubt, to vote other than the Labour cause would be a vote for unemployment.

"Mrs Thatcher's expressed desire for the country to return to Victorian values is confirmation of her faith in those great bulwarks of the capitalist system – a vast pool of unemployment and a labour force that is ill rewarded for its endeavours."

Floaters hold Hillhead key

Two barrage balloons will float this morning over the terraces of Glasgow, Hillhead, proclaiming the merits of Mr Murray Tosh, who is hoping to recapture for the Conservatives the seat which Mr Roy Jenkins won in the by-election last year.

The Hillhead Conservatives are proud of their gimmick to catch the floating voters, but both the Labour and SDP-Liberal Alliance camps are likely to dismiss it as an attempt to inflate the Conservatives' flagging fortunes.

Steel hopes for landslide

Buoyed by the SDP-Liberal Alliance's improved showing in the opinion polls Mr David Steel suggested yesterday that there could be a "massive landslide of seats" for the Alliance on polling day.

Speaking in Newport on the Isle of Wight, where the Liberals are fighting to retain the island's marginal parliamentary seat, Mr Steel said that what he described as the vagaries of the electoral system could work in favour of the Alliance.

Heath recalls Wilson days

Mr Edward Heath harked back to the "good old days" of the 1964 election campaign when he was fighting Sir Harold Wilson, during a tour of Scotland yesterday.

Speaking in Aberdeen, he said: "With Harold Wilson you knew exactly where you stood. When he said in 1964 that he would abolish all nuclear weapons, you knew perfectly well that he would not. With Michael Foot you do not know where you stand."

Ethnic switch

Ethnic minorities were urged today to vote to stop a conservative election landslide, especially in marginal constituencies, by Labour supporters switching to the Alliance in some places. The appeal came from the Confederation of Indian Organizations.

Thatcher on being prepared to press the button

By Barbara Day

BROADCASTING

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, on Kenny Everett's words about bombing the Russians being cleared at the Tory youth rally: "Very, very limited shots of that rally were shown. If you looked at the whole thing you would see that it was really just plain fun and those youngsters were cheering.

"They were just cheering because they were having tremendous fun there, and I really think if someone is ging to take out one tiny little sentence first and show it wholly out of context, giving it a wholly false impression, then people are really going to take it out of context, not look at the whole thing.

"Of course they would cheer almost whatever was said under those circumstances by a person whom they all adore and I really just begin to wonder what has hapened to a British sense of humour. I take all kinds of things said against me and about me. Alright, if it is done in a entertainment, take it as entertainment. That is all it was. And if you like to have a look at the whole thing then I am sure you will find that no offence was given or meant.

"These were not speeches. I came on afterwards and made the speech and if you wish to argue with anything political that was said, please argue with the only political speech that was made, which was mine, and I will answer any single question on that. Before that it was entertainment. It was entertainment by some marvellous entertainers and I think that if you are going to take as a political pronunciation what is said in entertainment long before the political part of the rally begins then I think you are hopelessly wrong.

"It is like taking what Mike Yarwood and Janet Brown may say as serious political subjects. They do not. They give immense pleasure.

"No-one at all is talking politically about bombing the Russians. Every single thing I do is to deter any hostilities of any kind breaking out. May I make that perfectly clear, an no-one was suggesting anything to the contrary at any time."

On defence: "The point about having a nuclear deterrent is, if you say 'Look, I have got it but I will never use it', it ceases to be a deterrent. The point about having a deterrent is that you say 'Look, if you use yours on me, please remember that I, too, have a button to press and I can wreak as much damage and havoc upon your country as you can on mine. The whole point of the nuclear deterrent is that it is there to deter.

"Yes, of course if you have got a nuclear deterrent you have to be prepared to press the button because that deters anyone else from using nuclear and also from crossing the Nato line on conventional." (BBC; *Election Call*).

Mr Roy Jenkins, leader of the SDP: 'It is going to be an absolutely major democratic scandal if we get many more votes than the Labour Party and fewer seats than them."

On the Alliance: "We are a partnership of principle and not an alliance of opportunism. We are a partnership of equality and we have upheld that principle at times when the Social Democrats were racing ahead of the Liberals and at times when the Liberals were somewhat ahead of us (TV-am.

Mr Frank Dobson, a Labour education spokesman: "The Labour Party is opposed to private education. We would take practical steps to prevent its existence.... We believe that to make it illegal to buy private education would be against the European Convention on Human Rights, but to make it illegal for somebody to sell private education would not, so we will do it that way." (LBC Radio, *Election Phone-in Forum*).

Campaign speeches

Today's main speeches are:

CONSERVATIVE
London: Norman Tebbit, Higham Park Sec S, Handford Ave, E4, 8 pm. Sidcup: Edward Heath, Blackfen S, Blackfen Rd, 7.30 pm; Bexley: Freemantle Hall, High S, 8.30 pm.
Ayrshire: George Younger, Walker Hall, Troon, 7 pm, Civic Theatre, Ayr, 8 pm.
[illegible]: Mr Geoffrey Howe, [illegible] 8 pm: Oxted: St Mary's C of E S, [illegible] Rd, 9 pm.
Penrith: William Whitelaw, Ullswater Upper S Hall, 8 pm. Ely: City of Ely Coll, Downham Rd, 8.15 pm.
[illegible]: Francis Pym, The Globe Co Primary S, 7 pm.
[illegible]: James Prior, Beccles Public Hall, [illegible], 7 pm, Lowestoft: Denes High School, Yarmouth Rd, 8.15 pm.
Worcester: Peter Walker, The Guildhall, 8 pm.
Oxford: Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, [illegible] S, Middle Way, 6 pm.
Middlesbrough: Norman Fowler, Marton Hotel and Country Club, Marton, 7.30 pm.
LABOUR
Ebbw Vale: Michael Foot, Leisure Centre, 7 pm.
[illegible]: Denis Healey, Garforth Comp S, 8 pm.
Newport Mon.: Neil Kinnock, Walliday Jnr S, 7.30 pm.
[illegible]: John Silkin, Vintners Girls S, Union S, 7.30 pm.
Bristol: Tony Benn, Waycroft Jnr S, Stockwood, 7.30 pm; Eastville Jnr S, Coombe Rd, Eastville, 8 pm; Holymead Jnr S, Wick Rd, Brislington, 8.30 pm.
ALLIANCE
Peebles: David Steel, Drill Hall, 7 pm; Galashiels: Volunteer Hall, 8.30 pm; Kelso: Roxy Cinema, 10.15 pm.
Hyndland, nr Glasgow: Roy Jenkins, Hyndland Sec S, 7.30 pm.
St Austell: David Penhaligon, open air meet, Fore St, 7.15 pm; Truro: Boscawen St, 8.30 pm.
Rochdale: Cyril Smith, Bamford Primary S, Bagslt Moor Rd, 7.30 pm.
BBC
Newsnight, Cecil Parkinson, Denis Healey, David Steel, 11 pm, BBC2.
The World At One, David Owen, Norman Tebbit, 1 pm, R4.
TV-am
Good Morning Britain, Michael Heseltine, 7.30 am.
ITN
News at Ten: last broadcast interviews with Mrs Thatcher, Mr Foot and Mr Steel.

Leaflets expose Tory's NF link

By Ronald Faux

Leaflets condemning the National Front and giving details of Mr Thomas Finnegan's connexions with the movement are being circulated in Stockton, South, the constituency he is fighting for the Conservative Party.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews said yesterday the leaflets had been ordered from them but the Labour Party in Stockton yesterday denied responsibility for ordering or distributing them.

An official at the headquarters of Mr Frank Griffiths, Labour candidate for Stockton, South, said that the agents' order book had been checked and no order had been placed for the leaflets.

"They have not been handed out with Labour Party material and Labour supporters have not been distributing them. I am aware that these kind of leaflets have been circulating in Stockton but there is no official order or connexion with the Labour Party."

Mr Finnegan's association with the National Front, as an orgainzer in Birmingham, was not disclosed by him when he went through the selection procedure for Stockton, South. The discovery of the connexion has been an embarrassment to the party in a seat it had a strong chance of winning. His opponents are seeking to keep the cover-up and Mr Finnegan's past in the forefront of the campaign.

Mr Jacob Gewirtz, executive director of the defence group relations department at the Board of Deputies, said yesterday that both the SDP and the Labour parties in Stockton had asked for material about the National Front when Mr Finnegan was active in it.

Kinnock writes to families

Following is the text of the letter Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour spokesman on education, sent yesterday to the Welsh Guards, 2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment and families of servicemen killed or wounded in the Falkland Islands conflict. The letter was intended to explain his remarks on Monday on TV South's *The South Decides*, after a member of the audience stood up and shouted: "At least Mrs Thatcher has got guts". He replied: "And it is a pity that people had to leave theirs on the ground in Goose Green in order to prove it".

"Publicity has as you know been given recently to impromptu remarks which I made on a television programme.

I do not know what version of the remarks you have heard from the journalists who contacted you on June 6 but the enclosed cutting from the *Westrn Mail* of 7 June is the most accurate which I have seen in print and both ITN and BBC gave a full filmed version of the remarks in news and current affairs programmes on June 6.

"The accurate record of those remarks makes it clear that they were unpremeditated and were said without any intention of hurting the families whose loved ones were either killed or wounded in the Falklands campaign. I would – never consciously or unconsciously – add to the anguish felt during and since that war. Nor would I say or do anything that could be interpreted in any way as disloyalty to the armed servicemen and civilian personnel engaged in the conflict. They fulfilled their task with great bravery and efficiency and no one, certainly not I, could or would diminish their sacrifice or their service.

"My remarks in response to a shouted interruption on that television programme were directed at the Prime Minister. It is the plain fact of history that her conduct following the invasion of the Falkland Islands and throughout the subsequent weeks of fighting gained her a reputation for fortitude to which the interruptor was apparently referring. I honestly felt then and continue to honestly feel now that it was and is a pity – a tragic pity – that with or without her intervention, the Prime Minister's reputation was advanced through such sacrifice. Indeed I think it probable that Mrs Thatcher like any responsible person would prefer to succeed in any activity without loss of life and without injury or pain.

"I can understand the initial reaction to any remarks which in their reporting or misreporting might have appeared to give the impression of callousness to people like you who have suffered the loss or injury of your men. I hope that the accurate record will remove any such impression since I have nothing but respect for the way in which thay and their comrades did their duty.

Yours sincerely Neil Kinnock

Young Liberals back in step

The Young Liberals who, at the beginning of the election campaign, complained that there was nothin in Alliance manifesto for young people, moved back into step with the elders of the party last night.

Ms Janice Turner, chairman of the National League of Young Liberals, issued a message concluding that only the Alliance could now speak for Britain's youth. She said: "The Labour Party is as good as dead. All those who do not want another five years of Thatcher must rally behind the Alliance."

Geoffrey Smith

COMMENT

The most significant development in the last few days of the campaign has been the increasing support for the Alliance. It has come about later than its leaders expected, but in much the way that they had predicted. Once it became clear that Labour could not win, there has been a drift to the third force composed partly of doubtful Tories who do not want Mrs Margaret Thacher to have an overwhelming majority, and still more of anti-Conservatives who have become convinced that Labour is hopeless.

It would be a mistake, therefore, to assume that all those who vote for an Alliance candidate tomorrow are desperate for Mr Roy Jenkins or Mr David Steel to be in Downing Street. Much of the support for the Alliance is negative. Yet nobody who attended the last of the question-and-answer sessions conducted by Alliance leaders up and down the country at which Mr Steel and Mr Jenkins appeared at Paddington in London, on Monday evening, could doubt that there is also strong positive support for a non-ideological party of the centre-left.

Support proved beyond doubt

The meeting attracted a remarkably large number of people, not just the stage army of the committed, inside and outside the hall. It aroused interest and enthusiasm, which at election rallies are not quite the same thing. Those who have been tempted to write off Mr Jenkins in the course of this campaign might at least have pansed had they been there. There was a certain vibrancy in the air.

That was a notable contrast with the early days of the campaign, but perhaps it ought not to have been too much of a surprice. Despite the tendencies of the past few years, the British political tradition is not ideological.

That there is much potential support for a party of the centre-left that prides itself on its good sense rather than its doctrines seems to me to be beyond doubt. The question is whether that potential can be tapped by a reformed Labour Party, by the Alliance, or by the Liberals or Social Democrats acting alone.

That question will not be settled by tomorrow's vote. What that will determine is how much of an opportunity will be presented to the Alliance in the next Parliament. If the Alliance were to win rather more votes but far fewer seats than Labour, the cry would immediately be set up that the moral case for electoral reform had been established beyond a quibble.

It would be asking too much of human nature to expect Liberals or Social Democrats to contain themselves at such moment. But they had better be realistic. A Thatcher Government with a large overall majority would never even contemplate conceding electoral reform, and if Alliance leaders kept on bleating about the injustice of the electoral system they would fall into the trap that awaits all third parties. They would seem irrelevant to the main concerns of the electorate.

The number of votes won by the Alliance will matter for a different reason. The more it gets, the more credible will be its claim that it will stand a better chance than Labour of defeating the Conservatives at the next election. To do that, it would need to follow up a comparative success tomorrow with some by-election victories early in the new Parliament, while pushing steadily ahead of Labour in the opinion polls.

Numbers are critical

The Alliance would also need to put up a creditable performance in Parliament. That means that the number of seats won tomorrow, and the calibre of the members elected, will be critical. With fewer than 30 MPs, and none of the "gang of four", the Alliance would find it hard to look a weighty team. The balance between Liberal and Social Democratic MPs will also have a bearing on another question of immense importance: will the Alliance be able to hold together?

Perhaps the tensions and policy differences will be too great anyway. But at least there is now a serious chance of the Alliance emerging from the election in as strong a position as they could ever reasonably have expected.

Arafat flies to Delhi to seek non-aligned movement's backing

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Mr Yassir Arafat, the beleaguered chairman of the Palesine Liberation Organization arrived here yesterday for a swift series of meetings with Mrs Ndira Gandhi and her advisers.

The visit bore every sign of having been hastily arranged. Late on Monday evening, the Indian Foreign Ministry declared they did not know whether he was coming or not, and when he arrived from Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, early in the morning he was met by the Prime Minister and Mr P. V. Narasimha Rad, the External Affairs Minister. But there was no turn out of diplomats, such as marked his last visit here last summer, and no ceremonies.

Observers speculated that Mr Arafat was visiting those leaders who have been close to him in order to secure their continued support, and to invite their help in reinforcing his position. In particular, he is said to be feeling the lack of a public statement of support from the Soviet Union.

Mr Arafat, who was given a room in the Presidential Palace, held two hours of talks with Mrs Gandhi, and then had lunch with her.

According to the Foreign Minister, he told Mrs Gandhi that reports of growing dissension within the PLO were "grossly exaggerated" and that the situation was under control. In return, Mrs Gandhi was said to have assured him of the continued and complete support of the non-aligned movement for the Palestinian cause.

After his day in Delhi, Mr Arafat flew to Aden. At the airport he referred to the internal troubles of the PLO and declared that it was not the first time that Colonel Gaddafi of Libya had tried to interfere in the organization.

Sidon shopkeepers held

Sidon, Lebanon (reuter) – Israeli forces distrupted road and sea transport in Sidon yesterday and detained shopkeepers who had protested on Monday against the Israeli invasion a year ago.

The road disruptions were for security checks, apparently to prevent guerrilla attacks, but two small cargo vessels were seen being towed from the harbour by Israeli gunboats.

One of the ships had just begun unloading cement. Local fishermen said that the Israelis were trying to force southern Lebanon to import only Israeli goods.

Residents said, that the Israelis appeared recently to be increasing harassment

Oradour massacre Nazi is given life

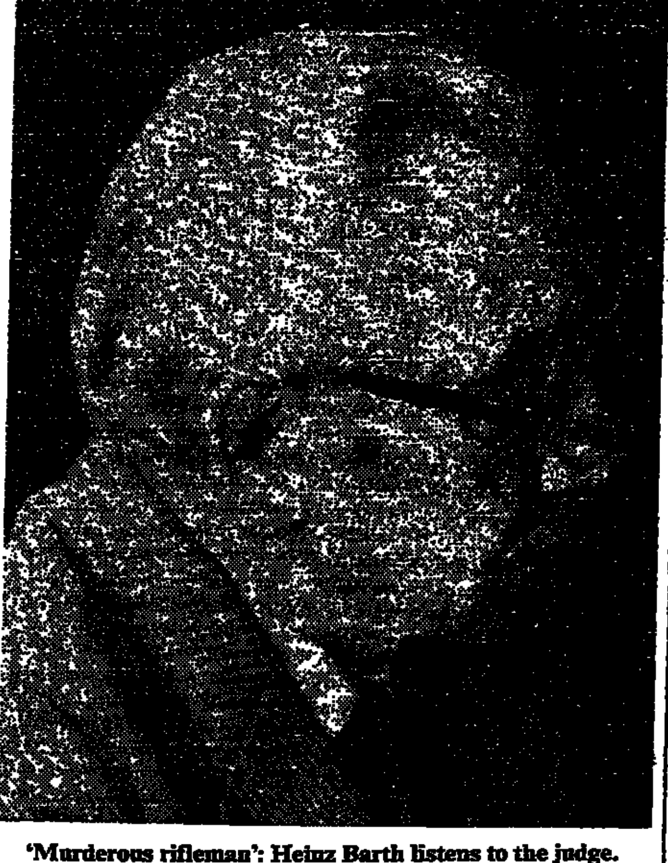
Berlin (Reuter & AP) – An East German judge yesterday jailed for life Heinz Barth, aged 62, a former Nazi officer convicted of war crimes in France and Czechoslovakia. The court dismissed a defence plea for leniency on the ground that Barth was under orders.

"He not only carried out orders and murdered people who had nothing to do with the war, but did so with great commitment, ensuring that his subordinates also fulfilled them precisely," Judge Heinz Hugot said.

Barth sat quietly at the side of the court during the session, speaking only to tell the judge he had understood his right to appeal within seven days. The judge said Barth was a convinced Nazi who "unscrupulously carried out every order to kill".

In Czechoslovakia in June and July, 1942, he had volunteered for firing squads and shot or stood guard as others shot partisans in a wave of killings in reprisal for the capture of Nazi Major Reinhard Heydrich, the judge said.

On June 10, 1944, he was a member of a company that sealed off the French village of Oradour-sur-Gane and systematically wiped out most of the population, killing 642 people.



'Murderous rifleman': Heinz Barth listens to the judge.

Barth's lawyer, Herr Friedrich Wolff, had pleaded in mitigation that Barth had, in part, acted under orders and as a young man was "caught up in the guilt of his people". The judge said if the fact that Barth, a married man with two sons, had led an exemplary life in East Germany since 1946 it did not outweigh the seriousness of the crimes and did not demand leniency.

Calling him a "murderous rifleman" the judge went on: "The crimes of the accused are extremely serious. They are marked by an unscrupulous disregard for life and the dignity of man."

Barth could have been sentenced to death but there have been no known executions in East Germany in recent years.

Barth was sentenced to death in his absence by a tribunal in Bordeaux, France, in 1953

Andropov's offer as Start resumes

Moscow meets objections on nuclear-free Baltic

Moscow (NYT) – Mr Yuri Andropov, renewing a long-standing Soviet proposal for a nuclear free zone in northern Europe, says that the idea could be extended to the Baltic Sea.

The Soviet leader, speaking at a dinner for Mr Mauno Koivisto, the visiting Finnish President, said the Soviet Union was ready to discuss with other nations the question of giving nuclear-free status to the Baltic.

Mr Andropov spoke after signing an agreement extending for 20 years the treaty of friendship and cooperation that has governed relations between Finland and the Soviet Union since 1948.

The treaty has been the basis of the generally cooperative and uncritical stance that Finland has adopted. The Soviet proposal for a nuclear-free zone for the Nordic countries isat least 25 years old, but has failed to attract the endorsement of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, at whom it is principally aimed. Finland has supported the idea.

In his speech, Mr Andropov attempted to meet two of the objections put forward bpponents. One has been that the Soviet formulation does not include the Baltic, which is used by Soviet vessels with nuclear warheads.

Another is the absence in the original proposal of any provisions for removing nuclear weapons from land areas of the Soviet Union near the Nbordic countries.

That problem hs been dealt with in recent years by saying that the Soviet Union is ready to consider measures concerning the nuclear status of its nearby teory. Mr ndropov repeated that undertaking on Monday.

Sopme months ago, a military spokesman, Colonel-General Nikolai Chernov, said that, if the Baltic was declared a nuclear-free zone, the Soviet Navy would withdraw six missile-carrying submarines that are based there.

Western experts identified the submarines in question as older vessels, each carrying three missiles, that were being phased out of service. They said that modern missile-carrying submarines were based at Severodvinsk on the White Sea and at Polyarny, near Murmansk, on the Kola Peninsula, near Norway and Sweden.

● BRUSSELS: Mr Andropov's call is meaningless because the area is within easy rach of Soviet missiles, Nato sources claimed yesterday, according to Reuter.

"The Soviets have weapons capable of reaching targets 3,000 miles away, so a nuclear-free zone in the Baltic would be meaningless," the sources said.

● COPENHAGEN: Mr Uffe Elleman-Jensen, the Danish Foreign Minister, said yesterday that Mr Andropov's proposal was interesting but needed further elaboration, AP reports.

US change of tack expected at Geneva

From Alan McGreger, Geneva

Straight from last-minute consultations at the White House, General Edward Rowney, United States delegate to the Start (Strategic weapons) negotiations with the Soviet Union, was arriving in Geneva this morning with his delegation. The first meeting in the new tound is expected to take place during the afternoon. The negotiations began in June last year.

The Soviet delegation returned to Geneva on Monday without its leader, Mr Victor Karpov. His deputy, Mr Aleksei Oboukhov, said only that be was "not well".

In a prepared statement, Mr Oboukhov said that the Soviet Union would continue the talks "in an active and constructive spirit". They wanted "deep reductions of strategic arms in their entirety in the interests of lowering the level of military confrontation and diminishing the risk of nuclear war".

In the parallel negotiations on tactical (medium range) missiles in Geneva the going is said to be heavy. There was only one formal meeting last week, instead of the usual two.

● WASHINGTON: President Reagan consulted his senior national security advisers on a proposal for demonstrating more United States flexibility in negotiations, Mohsin Ali writes.

The White House spokesman said that the President would soon announce decisions on a new position based on a recommendation that warheads, not missiles, be counted in proposed cuts in United States and Soviet nuclear arsenals.

The United States position would incorporate some of the recommendations of the President's commission on strategic forces, chaired by General Brent Scowcroft. The commission's recent report called for the deployment in the United States of the MX missile and "vigorous pursuit" of negotiated arms control.

The report argued that emphasis should be placed on verifiable reductions of warheads rather than missiles because this would lead to deeper and more genuine cuts.

At the start of negotiations last July the United States proposed limiting each side to 850 land- and sea-based ballistic missiles, and reducing the number of long-range nuclear warheads by about one-third to 5,000 each.

The Soviet Union has proposed a limit of 1,800 missiles and bombers for each side.

The President also has to decide on the controversial question of whether the United States should propose a limitation on the "throw weight" of strategic missiles. American experts estimate that the Soviet missile force has a throw weight of 5.6m kilograms compared to 1.8m kilograms for the United States.

20-year jail terms in Mafia trial

Palermo (Reuter) – An Italian government crackdown against organized crime took a step forward on Monday night when a Palermo court sentenced alleged Mafia leaders to prison terms of up to 20 years on drugs, arms and organized crime charges.

Tommaso Inzerillo, Rosario and Giuseppe Gambino, Emmanuele Adamita and Filippo Ragusa were sentenced to 20 years. Rosario Spatola, chief defendant in the trial of 75 alleged members of the Mafia's Spatola, Inzerillo and Gambino "families" was sentenced to 13 years in prison and an 80m lire (just over £33,000) fine.

Altogether 59 defendants were found guilty in the trial, the first under anti-mafia laws passed by Parliament last year after the murders of a prominent Communist politician and of the General Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa, the Palermo police chief.

The prosecution accused the defendants of belonging to "new Mafia" gangs controlling Sicilian building rackets

The indictment outlined a web of financial dealings between Palermo's booming construction industry, New York underworld bosses and outwardly repectable Milan businessmen.

Junta eases British assets ban

Buenos Aires (Reuter) – Argentina yesterday lifted a ban on the sale or transfer of British assets in the country, introduced during the Falklands conflict.

A new law allows the commission overseeing British assets to suspend the ban in relation to individuals, companies or entities. It also empowers the Government to lift the ban in generalized terms, "taking into account the general interest and equal treatment given to the Argentine Republic". In both cases, the ban could be reimposed.

The ban applies to all property belonging to the United Kingdom, to British citizens who are not permanent residents in Argentina, and to other nationals residing in Britain.

Publication of the law, came into effect yesterday, coincided with fresh negotiations in New York between Argentine officials and a committee of creditor banks. Sources said the banks wanted the ban lifted before granting Argentina a $1.5 billion (£1 billion) loan to help service its $38.7 billion foreign debt.

The leaders of Argentina's main political parties yesterday called for a peace treaty with Chile over the Beagle Channel dispute.

Whitehall denies election delayed Argentine's visa

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

The man who wants to take relatives of Argentine war dead to the Falklands, found even the British Isles still barred to him last night.

But a report that Señor Osvaldo Destefanis's application for a visa would not be granted until after tomorrow's election, was being carefully denied by Whitehall officials. "It is still being considered, that's all" he said.

Señor Destefanis's earlier attempt to organize a pilgrimage to the Falklands collapsed when the International Committee of the Red Cross refused to become involved.

In the end, the best he could arrange was a funeral service at sea, his vessel under instructions from Buenos Aires not to confront British warships protecting the 150-miles exclusion zone around the islands.

Now he is in Paris awaiting a visa

● PARIS: Señor Destefanis insisted to *The Times* in Paris yesterday: "The British Government will not give me a visa until after the election", Diana Geddes writes.

When he had first applied for his visa at the British Embassy in Buenos Aires on May 30, he had been told it would take only five days. He said: "I don't see why there is now this delay. I feel really bad. They seem to be afraid of letting me into Britain, but I cannot do any harm to anyone.

"I just feel that it is very important for me to go to England to negotiate this trip personally. I can give the Government proof that our visit is purely humanitarian and not for the purposes of propaganda."

The British Embassy in Paris said that it had told Señor Destefanis that he was unlikely to get his visa next week, though it could not be certain when it would come through. There had been no specific mention of the British election it insisted.

Air force chiefs suspected each other, Zimbabwe trial told

From Stephen Taylor, Harare

A Zimbabwe Air Force board of inquiry comprising some of the men now on trial for allegedly helping to sabotage aircraft asked police to arrest one of the men being tried with them and recommended that another be court-martialled, the High Court was told here yesterday. The man recommended for court-martial told the board he suspected a wing commander, also on trial, might have been involved in the sabotage plot.

Information given to the board, which was set up immediately after the sabotage, was said to have prejudiced in varying degrees three of the officers now on trial.

Details of the inquiry, which the state maintains was part of a plot by the accused to divert attention from their alleged guilt, emerged for the first time during yesterday's proceedings before Mr Justice Dumbutshena.The board was chaired by Air Commodore Philip Pile and included Wing Commander Peter Briscoe, the second and third accused of the six officers charged with aiding the sabotage of 13 ZAF aircraft last July 25.

During Wing Commander Briscoe's evidence yesterday it was disclosed that the board had asked police to arrest Air Lieutenant Neville Weir, the sixth accused and had decided to recommend that Air Lieutenant Barrington Lloyd, the fifth accused, who had responsibility for security at the Thornhil air base, be court-martialled. No reasons were given during yesterday's proceedings for these decisions.

Wing Commander Briscoe said that during two sessions before the board, Air Lieutenant Lloyd had been asked to name any individuals whom he suspected might have been involved. He had named Wing Commander John Cox, the fourth accused who, he said, was dishonest, and a black officer who gave evidence for the state at the start of the trial.

Cross-examined by Mr Honor Mkushi, for the state, Wing Commander Briscoe denied the board tried to divert attention from the "real culprits". The board suspected there had been collusion by staff with an inside knowledge of Thornhill and had found that security had been wholly inadequate.

These findings had been made in a preliminary report, the only document produced by the board before he and Air Commodore Pile were themselves arrested, and all information had beerr passed to police.

● **Bail skipped:** Mr Chido Muzorewa, aged 19, son of Bishop Abel Muzorewa, former head of the transitional Zimbabwe-Rhodesia government, has apparently fled to the United States to avoid charges of illegal arms possession, AFP reports. According to his lawyer, Mr Muzorewa skipped his Z$300 (about £190) bail and left for the US, of which he is a citizen by birth.

Bishop Muzorewa apparently did not know of his son's departure and has not commented.



Royal funeral: Members of Belgian and foreign Royal families attending the funeral of Prince Charles, Count of Flanders and uncle of King Baudouin at the church of Saint Joacob on Goudenberg in Brussels yesterday. Prince Charles died last Wednesday, aged 79.

Malawi gives Chirwas time to appeal for clemency

Harare (Reuter) – Mr Orton Chirwa, the Malawi Opposition leader, and his wife, Vera, condemned to death for treason, are not due to be executed this week and, in fact, face an appeal process that could take considerable time, the Malawi High Commission said her yesterday.

Referring to reports outside Malawi that the Chirwas would be executed tomorrow, a spokesman said: "Their appeal has yet to be heard and even if their appeal in the National Traditional Court fails they can appeal to the President for clemency. No date has yet been set for the first appeal. This whole procedure could take a lot of time."

Mr Chirwa, aged 64, a former Justice Minister, and his wife, aged 50, who is also a lawyer, were sentenced last month. They were accused of plotting to overthrow the Government and to assassinate Dr Hastings Kamuzu Banda, the Life President, Ministers and officials. They denied the charges.

The sentence has attracted international attention, with Dr Banda receiving appeals for clemency from various world figures and organizations. The latest to add a voice to pleas for mercy is President Shagari of Nigeria, who said on Monday that he was acting on humanitarian grounds.

Speculation about Malawi's politics has been rife recently among exiles and syumpathizers in neighbouring states, fuelled by an impending general election in Malawi at the end of this month.

One report said Dr Banda, who is at least 77, planned to take a sabbatical leave from the leadership he has occupied since independence in 1964, igniting an internal power struggle. But the High Commission spokesman here said the President had said nothing about taking a sabbatical.

Although Malawi is a one-party state firmly ruled by Dr Banda's Malawi Congress Party, at past polls ministers and MPs have lost their jobs, making the pre-election weeks a time of great uncertainty.

Political circles were shocked last month, when it was announced that four top party members had been killed in a car crash.

● **NAIROBI:** The African Bar Association has joined the appeal to Dr Banda to pardon the Chirwas. In a letter, the association's Kenyan chairman Mr Lee Muthoga, urged Dr Banda to show mercy towards the Chirwas, AFP reports.

● **LUSAKA:** The "Save Malawi Committee", and exile opposition movement, complained yesterday to the Organization of African Unity conference in Ethiopia about the "ruthless suppression of human rights in Malawi", AFP reports.

The Lion of Kashmir's son in poll triumph

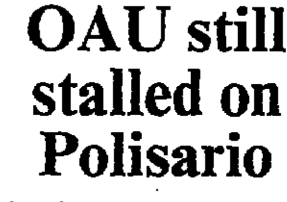
From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

The bitterly contested Jammu and Kashmir state election ended in a triumphal victory for Dr Farooq Abdullah, the son of the Lion of Kashmir. he has won his first big victory since he was installed as Chief Minister by his Father, Shaikh Abdullah, last year, and is now assured of retaining power even though the full results will not be known until the end of the week.

The election was not without comfort for Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, whose party did well in Jammu, virtually eliminating the minor groups. But her party, Congress (I), did not do as well as it expected to in the largely Muslim Kashmir valley, gaining only one seat, plus one or two held by Congress-supported independents.

The election has clearly shown that by concentrating on communal issues, both leaders have dangerously polarized opinion in the state. The Muslims have voted for a Muslim party, Dr Abdullah's National Conference, and the Hindus have voted for Congress (I).

Seven people died in the course of the cmapaign and over 1,000 were hurt. At an election-eve meeting alone several hundred people were hurt by stone-throwing political rivals. The meeting was addressed by Mrs Gandhi.



Anger and grief for ANC three

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

The families of the three African National Congress (ANC) guerrillas who are to be hanged tomorrow have reacted with anger as well as grief to the refusal of the South African President to grant a reprieve.

Mr Daniel Mogoerane, whose son, Simon, is one of the three, said: "As far as I am concerned my son and the two others did not act like ordinary criminals and it would be unfair to hang them".

Mrs Sarah Mosololi, the mother of Mr Jerry Mosololi, another of the condemned men, declared: "Go well my son, I love you. I am proud of you because you're to die for your people. We'll meet where you're going. You must know the struggle will not end even after your death".

Mrs Mosololi's husband, Issac, and Mr Frans Motaung, father of Mr Marcus Motaung, the third of the condemned, have both applied to be allowed to bury their sons. "He will not be buried by prison warders. He loved and died for us. Therefore he deserves a decent burial", Mr Mosololi said.

The attitude of the families undoubtledly reflects the view of many blacks, who see the ANC guerrillas as soldiers and freedom fighters. Outside South Africa there is considerable support for the argument that captured ANC insurgents should be granted prisoner-of-war status.

About a dozen ANC guerillas have been sentenced to death since the upsurge of guerilla activity caused by unrest in black townships in 1976-77. So far, however, only one has been executed. He was Mr Solomon Mahlangu, who was hanged in April, 1979, after being convicted of murder during a gun attack on a Johannesburg warehouse.

OAU still stalled on Polisario

Addis Ababa (Reuter) – Entrenched positions over the western Sahara dispute today held up the formal opening of the organization of African Unity's twice-stalled nineteenth summitfor the second day.

OAU spokesman Mr Peter Onu, told reporters that a 21-nation committee had so far failed to find a breakthrough in the dispute about whether the summitt should be attended by the polisario independece movement fighting against Moroccan rule in western Sahara.

Mr Onu said heads of state and other delegation leaders would hold an informal session later to seek a compromise. The 51 members are all representatives here.

Spokesmen, for the poliasario, whose presence at the first attempt to hold the meeting in Libya – last August led to a boycott that left the session without a quorum, said they were determined to take part in the informal session.

Delegates said that if a quorum could not be mustered at an informal session, there was little hope that the summit proper would get off the ground.

Morocco says that the polisario's self styled Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) should not have been admitted to the OAU in February, 1982, because it is not a state as such.

Moroccan officials, anticipating support from their largely pro-Wester allies, said they did not expect the summit to start because it would not get a 34-nation quorum.

But other delegates, from both pro and anti-SADR camps, thought that enough leaders might shelve their positions on the western Sahara because they were concerned that a third summit failure would wreck the OAU completely.

Hawke in no hurry for an Australian republic

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Australia might opt to become a Commonwealth republic sometime in the future, but not yet, Mr Bob Hawke, the country's new Labour Prime Minister, said yesterday. There were many, many, higher priorities on his agenda, he told a press conference in London.

Speaking after tea with the Prince and Princess of Wales, and just before leaving for lunch with the Queen, he also smartly spiked a newspaper claim that he despised the Royal Family.

"Since I have had the opportunity to get to know Her Majesty, Prince Philip, Prince Charles, I have developed a high personal regard for all of them. They have what must be one of the most difficult jobs in the world and they discharge their duties magnificently", he said.

There is a growing rumpus in his own party over reports that he is moving towards *de facto* recognition of Indonesian rule over East Timor, contrary to Labour policy which calls for self-determination by the local people.

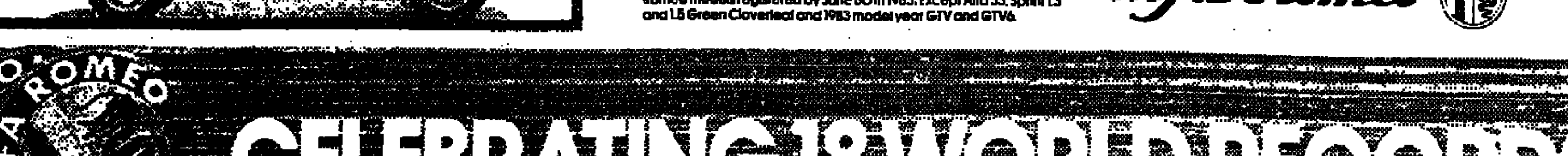
But he refused yesterday to disclose details of his recent conversation with President Suharto in Jakarta, promising only a debate on the issue on his return, both inside and outside the parliamentary party.

The result of that debate would determine which way Australia voted at the United Nations.

He was more forthcoming on other matters, including his doubts over the continuing usefulness of Commonwealth Heads of Government Regional Meetings, the next of which is due to be held in Papua New Guinea next year.

He raised this at discussions later yesterday with Mr Shridath Ramphal, Commonwealth Secretary-General.

Mr Hawke later attended the opening by the Queen Mother of London University's new Australian Study Centre and watched some cricket at the Oval, where a "down under" contest was taking place between Australia and New Zealand. But official government-to-government talks have had to be scrapped in Britain because of tomorrow s election



Nicaragua alleges US diplomat tried to poison minister

Managua (Reuter) – US-Nicaraguan relations have taken a further turn for the worse with the expulsion of three American diplomats accused of anti-state plots, including a scheme to kill the foreign minister with a poisoned bottle of his favourite French wine.

The three were the first US diplomats to be ordered out of Nicaragua since the revolutionaries ousted the US-backed dictator Anastasio Somoza in 1979.

Miss Linda Pfeifel, Political Counsellor, Mr David Greig, First Secretary, and Miss Ermila Loreta Rodriguez, Second Secretary, left Managua on Monday night, some 21 hours after Mr Anthony Quainton, the Ambassador, received a diplomatic note saying the three had been involved in activities against the government.

Earlier, Señor Lenin Cerna, the security chief, told a press conference: "A US Central Intelligence Agency network aiming to assassinate Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto with a bottle of poisoned wine has been smashed."

Holding up a bottle he alleged contained wine laced with the deadly poison thalium, he said Miss Rodriguez had tried to persuade a Foreign Ministry official to pass the brew to Father d'Escoto, who is a Catholic priest. The wine, produced by Bendictine monks, was his favourite, he added.

Señor Cerno described Greig as the Managua station chief of the CIA and said all three diplomats had acted under orders from CIA headquarters.

Bidding ferewell to his colleagues at Cesar Sandino airport, Mr Quainton said their expulsion was a "serious step contributing to a severe degree of tension in bilateral relations".

Asked whether Washington would suspend relations over the incident, he replied: "It would be fairly premature to talk about breaking relations, but obviously the events of the past 24 hours have not contributed to an improvement in relations." He said the charges were preposterous.

Listing details of the diplomats alleged activities, Señor Cerna said Miss Rodriguez had been involved in the poisoned wine plot, Mr Greig had plotted to Jam Local radio stations with anti-government propaganda, and Miss Pfeifel had had contacts with opposition figures.

Señor Cerna displayed Miss Rodriguez's alleged spy equipment, ranging from codebooks to notepaper, he said, could be instantly turned nto chewing gum.



Warrior's rest: A Salvadorean soldier after a clash with guerrillas at Tenancingo.

Change in Salvador strategy promised

San Salvador (AP) – General Carlos Eugenio Casanova, the Defence Minister, announced yesterday that new military action would be taken against left-wing guerrillas. He gave no details about the strategy, but said the plan "will require the maximum sacrifice from our families".

General Vides Casanova said he had visited military posts around the country reminding troops to "respect human rights and stay away from political matters".

Telecommunications officials were trying yesterday to find parts to repair a key microwave relay antenna that was extensively damaged when guerrillas dynamited it at dawn on Sunday.

The attack at El Pacayal, 80 miles east of San Salvador, sharply reduced telephone, telex, television, telegraph and direct-line communications

● WASHINGTON: Mr Thomas Enders, removed recently as Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, was yesterday formally named by President Reagan as US Ambassador to Spain,

Close fight as Canadian Tories pick new leader

From John Best, Ottawa

Canada's Progessive Conservative Party, official opposition in the House of Commons, will finally get a leader next weekend after effectively being without one for four and a half months. The man selected could well be the next Prime Minister.

A seemingly interminable campaign for the leadership will end some time on Saturday afternoon at Ottawa's Civic Centre when 3,000 delegates from across Canada's make their choice from among eight candidates.

Of the contenders, only three, or at the outside four, are strong enough to have a credible chance of winning. They include Mr Joe Clark, a former Prime Minister, who resigned the leadership after failing to obtain what he considered an adequate vote of confidence at a party convention in Winnipeg in late January.

Now Mr Clark, who was 44 on Sunday, is campaigning furiously to get his old job back. He and a close contemporary, Mr Brian Mulroney, a Quebec industrialist who turned 44 in March, are generally considered the front-runners.

But a third candidate, Mr John Crosbie, aged 52, who was Finance Minister in the short-lived Clark government of 1979-80, has been coming on strong in recent weeks and could emerge as a formidable threat.

The other candidate who still has a chance of winning, albeit a slim one, in Mr David Crombie, aged 46, the diminutive former mayor of Toronto.

All the top candidates except Mr Mulroney, who has never run for Parliament although he has been an active Conservative since student days, are MPs. Mr Crosbie represents a Newfoundland riding, Mr Crombie a Toronto riding and Mr Clark an Alberta riding.

The campaign, which has already been under way more than three months – since February 28, when Mr Crombie declared his candidacy, thereby opening the floodgates and squelching Mr Clark's transistory hopes of regaining the leadership by default – has generally been a low-key affair.

At one point there were a dozen candidates, but one dropped out and three others failed to meet a deadline for posting $Can 5,000 (£2,463) deposits

The overriding issue, although not a particularly well articulated one, is ideological and concerns the locus of the soul of the Conservative Party. There is a strong conservative current running in Canadian politics just now, similar to trends manifested in Britain, the US and other Western countries in recent years.

It could in the end hurt Mr Clark, who is widely regarded as being middle-of-the-road or slighty left of centre: too moderate, in a word, for the party's vocal right wing.

This would be the case especially if right-wing elements, who do not have a strong candidate of their own, began coalescing behind Mr Mulroney or Mr Crosbie, both of whom have business backgrounds, after the first ballot.

A large, enigmatic shadow will figuratively loom over the convention polling booths as the delegates cast their ballots.

It will be that of Mr Pierre Trudeau, the veteran Liberal Prime Minister, who is still keeping everbody guessing about his retirement plans. He has promised to step down before the next general election, expected next year.



Mr John Crosbie: strong challenger

ILO delay on pipeline questioned

From Alan McGregor Geneva

Russia has accused the International Labour Organization of shilly-shallying on sending officials to investigate labour conditions on the 4,451km trans-Siberian pipeline for supplying natural gas to Western Europe. Western reports have alleged that workers from forced-labour camps and Vietnam were being employed.

Mr Vassili Prokherov, vice-chairman of the Soviet Central Trade Union Council, told a press conference in Geneva yesterday that the allegations had been "a deliberate attempt to get the ILO involved in just another anti-Soviet campaign".

He said that the council, had invited the ILO last October to send representatives but its insistence on "inventing various preconditions" had led to interminable delay.

Mr Francis Blanchard, the ILO director-general, said a few days ago that the ILO had been able to obtain Soviet guarantees that its projected three-man mission would have unimpeded access to anything they wanted to see at pipeline sites.

Mr Prokherov urged the ILO to "hurry up with their visit as the construction was rapidly coming to its completion – now, there is practically nothing to see because the project is almost finished". Only 150km of pipe remained to be insulated and laid in the trenches.

Neither forced labour nor Vietnamese had been in the work force, 40,000 strong at one time and mostly skilled, he added. All Vietnamese workers in the Soviet Union were at various enterprises acquiring skills for use in similar enterprises set up in their own country with Soviet aid.

● MOSCOW – A Siberian woodworker who circulated a petition calling on America and the Soviet Union to scrap their nuclear weapons has been sentenced to three years in prison, his wife said yesterday,

Mr Alexander Shatravka, was arrested last July as he collected signatures on the petition.

MEPs back lead-free campaign

Strasbourg – The campaign for lead-free petrol in the EEC has won full backing of the European Parliament. On Monday, it approved a report calling for a significant reduction in the amount of the metal added to fuel by 1985 and for the phasing in of lead-free petrol "as soon as possible", Ian Murray wrties.

The report had called for lead-free petrol by 1985, but the Parliament accepted that this was not possible before 1988.

However, it was agreed that member states should reduce the permitted level of lead from the present maximum of 0.4 grammes per litre to 0.15 grammes per litre by 1985.

'Exodus over'

Moscow (NYT) – Leaders of the Soviet anti-Zionist committee set up six weeks ago said they were satisfied that Jewish emigration had effectively stopped because most Soviet Jews who wanted to leave had gone.

Bus casualties

Bonn – Six British tourists were still in hospital in Alsfeld, West Germany, yesterday after a bus taking a tour group from Austria to Ostend ran off the road on Monday evening, injuring 40 of the 41 passengers.

Visa refused

Washington (NYT) – The State Department has refused Mrs Bernadette Devlin McAliskey a visa, because of reports that she intended to raise money in the US for a convicted member of the political wing of the Irish Nationalist Liberation Army.

Czech mate

Waidhaus, West Germany (AP) - A young Bavarian man, apparently in love with a Czechoslovak woman, crashed his car through border barriers before coming to a halt 20 yards inside Communist-ruled territory. He was returned by Czech border guards 24 hours later.

China cuts investment in heavy industry

From David Bonavia, Peking

China is putting the brakes on industrial investment this year – especially in heavy industry – and seeking a much lower growth rate than the prevailing 7 or 8 per cent.

Mr Yao Yilin, a deputy Prime Minister in charge of planning, told the Sixth National People's Congress here yesterday that investment by the state in fixed assets would be nearly £3 billion less than in 1982.

However, he did not explain how China could meet its goal of quadrupling national output by the year 2000 if growth rates were cut.

Addressing the nearly 3,000 delegates from all parts of China on the second day of the Congress, Mr Yao said that efforts would be made to increase industrial production by 5 per cent this year. As it had already increased by 7.6 per cent in the first four months over the corresponding period of 1982, a substantial slow-down must be expected between now and December.

According to Mr Xue Muqiao, a leading Chinese economist, over-lavish investment in industry has led to bottlenecks and waste. Nonetheless, observers are surprised at the sudden slow-down both in planned growth and in actual performance.



Mr Ahao Ziyang: Plea to use intellectual resources.

Another problem is that, contrary to the plan, heavy industry is still growing faster than light industry. For this year as a whole, the planned growth rates are 3.9 per cent and 4.1 per cent respectively.

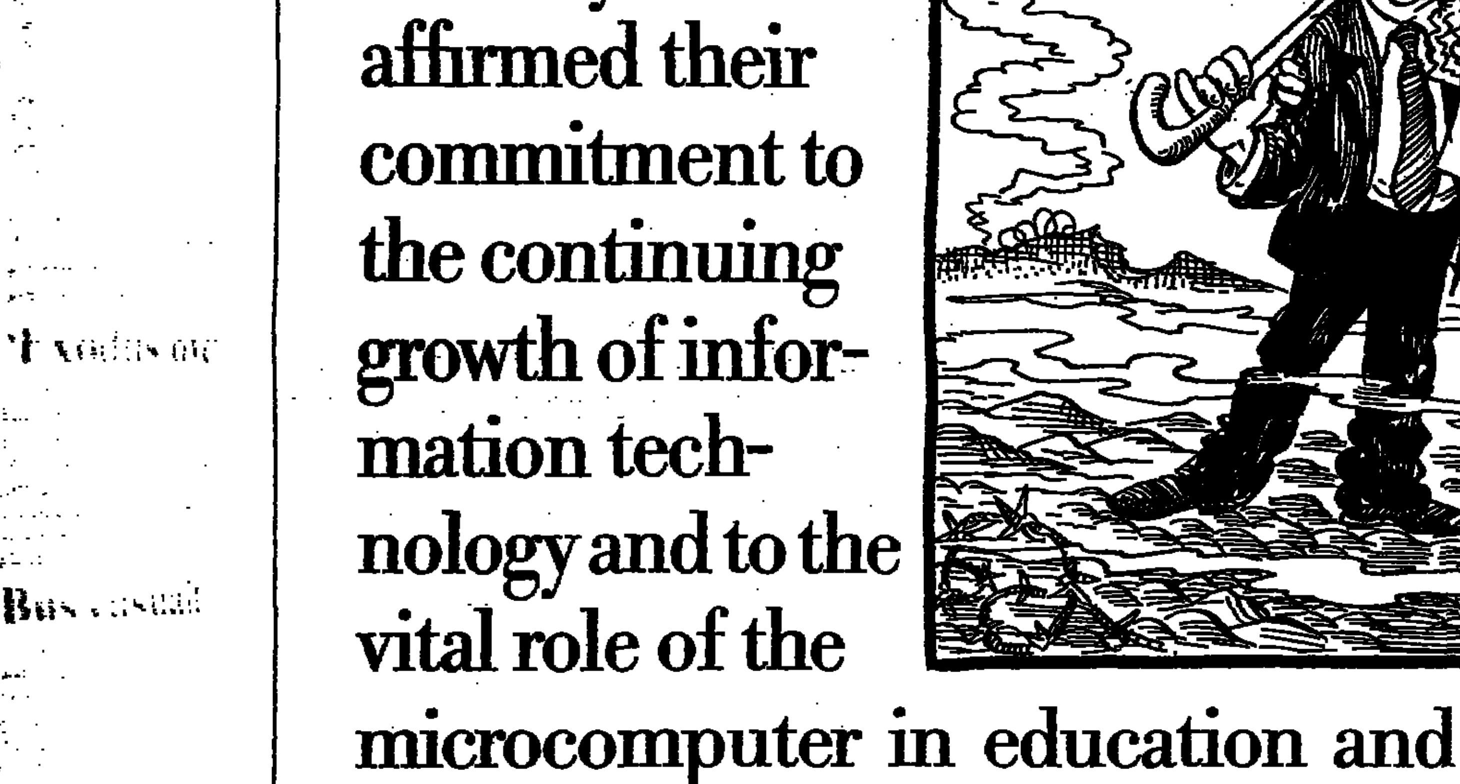
Agricultural produciton is expected to grow by 4 per cent this year

The Congress has set up new national committees to handle problems of minority nationalities, law, finance and economics, foreign affairs, overseas Chinese, and a committee on education, science, culture and public health.

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THE ARTS

Julie Kavanagh, in Shanghai, experiences the two-way success of the Royal Ballet's visit to China

Dancing towards a new freedom

Our arrival in Shanghai boded well: it was cold and raining – sweet relief after the dusty oven of Peking. The day we toiled up the Great Wall it was 97 degrees farenheit, and Peking was recorded as the hottest city in the world. Even so the 10 performances there were a great success. Coaches waiting on the tarmac whisked us in minutes to a new hotel in large, lush grounds. The staff had lined the entrance to applaud the Royal Ballet's arrival, and their enthusiasm was soon reciprocated by the dancers. "There's a bar, a bar! . . . Everything's so *normal!*" People affectionately fingered the bottles of Pimms in the hotel shop, and at lunch, when plates of chips arrived, there were hyperbolic swoons of delight.

Food had been the main talking-point even before we arrived in China. There were scare stories of what to expect at banquets: Norman Morrice, director of the Royal Ballet, had sampled honeyed embryo mice when he came to China with Ballet Rambert; someone else knew someone who had been offered bear's paws; and shaved cat in aspic sliced like a terrine. Dancers from the Festival Ballet (who were here in 1979) told people to prepare themselves "for a constant feeling of hunger": meals would either be inedible or insufficient. In fact, though the food is monotonous – duck appears hot and cold twice a day – and not up to Gerrard Street standards, there is more than enough of it. In Shanghai, where things are more westernized, dancers who before were living off emergency rations of tuck, which they had packed in their shoe-bags like schoolboys before leaving home, are seen eating in the dining room.

The effect of the home-from-home comforts of the Cypress Hotel on the company's morale is dramatic: apart from the singing cicadas and exotic animal calls from the nearby zoo, we could be at a Holiday Inn in Sussex. Leslie Edwards came across a mock-Tudor house in the grounds – "*Very* Godfrey Winn, my dear". Our hotel in Peking, the Yanjing, was much more redolent of China: every room had two familiar frilled armchairs decked with embroidered white cotton squares; and a tray with painted tin flasks of water, blue and white china cups with lids and a wooden box of jasmine tea. Also in every room was an unhoovered carpet, a cockroach and a grimy plastic comb. Foreign visitors to China cannot choose their hotels; the Chinese decide for you according to who you are and how full the hotels are. Our interpreter told us we were staying in the Cypress because we were a "very important group".

VIG treatment continued when we went to the Shanghai Ballet School for a demonstration by members of their company and ours. A firework display – earsplitting despite the rain – greeted our arrival; there was a large banner welcoming the Royal Ballet and an ovation by the Chinese dancers. About a dozen of them – evidently the cream of the company and aged between 18 and 20 – were chosen to perform extracts from Russian classics as well as a couple of items by contemporary Chinese choreographers. What struck one immediately was the freedom of content in the newer works, which were love stories – one quite risqué about the tortured affair between a mother and her stepson.

Several of the girls had long Balanchinesque bodies, while the boys exhibited their Russian schooling with their exaggerated upright carriage and virtuoso technique. Also impressive was the way the company has imposed a national flavour on the inherited works: in *The Dying Swan*, for example, the soloist incorporated the oddly stilted arm movement (as if seen in strobe light) that is a feature of the Peacock Dance, native to the Thai border. Deliberately saved until the end was the pas de deux from *Don Quixote*, danced by a boy with striking Mongolian features and a child-faced girl who was to enchant and invigorate the Royal Ballet so much that days later they were still discussing her.

We all watched agape as the 20-year-old Huang Chi Feng held ten-second balances in one attitude after another, finally swivelling unsupported into arabesque. In the fouetté sequence she started with 16 perfect doubles. Coupled with this phenomenal technique was a lively presence and charm. The Royal Ballet roared their admiration for her at the end and she was visibly thrilled to have her brilliance confirmed. A little chastened by the standard of what they had seen, the British dancers gave a morris dancing demonstration that much amused the Chinese, and



Absorbing all the influences: Wayne Eagling, in army cap, at the Forbidden City in Peking

pas de deux from *La Fille mal gardée* and *Manon*. Merle Park decided to perform an impromptu, more virtuoso duet from the climax of MacMillan's ballet.

The Shanghai Ballet demonstration and the accuracy of training that has been seen in schools both here and in Peking have caused considerable excitement all round: one dancer has been day-dreaming about coming back to China to acquire some virtuoso tricks; others hope to persuade the Royal Ballet to invite guest Chinese teachers to London, which may well come about. Sir Claus Moser, Chairman of Covent Garden, stressing the importance of maintaining cultural relations with China, "which is so much at take-off point economically and artistically", said that he would love to find ways of attaching the more promising Chinese dancers to the Royal Ballet for a few years and encouraging their best teachers to spend time in England. "First of all, we *must* come back." Sir Claus also went to a demonstration by students from Peking's Conservatoire of Music, which he said was the most exciting and enjoyable experience he has had in years.

One reason behind China's new artistic strength is her eager assimilation of influences from outside: time and again the Chinese have remarked that the Royal Ballet's visit is valued as a source of instruction as much as entertainment. Much of their repertoire has already been seen – and presumably studied – on video. If China now has outstanding dancers and teachers (several are former dancers who, because of the Cultural Revolution, missed out on their own careers but are passing on their knowledge) what they still lack, and what the Royal Ballet's season will exhibit, is choreographic strength and attention to stylistic detail, like épaulement.

By way of return, the more enterprising Royal Ballet members have been absorbing all they can from the Chinese. Inspired by an acrobat we saw in the Peking Opera, whose landings were as soft as a cat's, Stephen Sheriff, making his debut as the Blue Boy in *Patineurs*, had lessons in Peking to impove his "butterflies". Ashley Page and Jonathan Burrows were taught Tai-ji every morning between 5.30 and 7, and we may well see the largo movements distilled into their choreography. Several dancers have had acupuncture and the steel-fingered, pressure-point massage the Chinese specialize in. About a dozen of the company hired bicycles in Peking, one cycling to the Great Wall and back in a day. "Hoh! Great, great!" said our interpreter when he heard. "Not even the Chinese would do that." The ramshackle department store near the Peking theatre, which the dancers renamed Debenhams, was emptied of army caps, Mao jackets and black canvas shoes that cost all of 3 yuan – 90p.

It is apparently even harder for the public to buy tickets here than it was in Peking. Like anywhere in the world things depend largely on who you know. An English teacher and ardent ballet fan I spoke to said she devotes considerable time to dining theatrical contacts and sending them gifts. Outside the theatre on the first night a crowd of over a hundred students clamoured in vain for tickets when the dancers arrived. Perhaps because of the ticket shortage, the audience in Shanghai seemed harder to please. But they reacted enthusiastically to technical displays (Phillip Broomhead's hyper-extended grand jetés and Stephen Beagley's neat brisé volés).

Awareness of a discriminating audience out front has given the dancers a competitive, "let's show them" attitude. They are beginning to look tired for the first time on the tour, but the fact there are only four more *Beauties* to go (there will have been 17 performances in three weeks) and they are less than a fortnight from home keeps their spirits irrepressibly buoyant.

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Concerts

Sonorous daring

Schola Cantorum/Leonhardt
Spitalfields

This season has produced some fascinating combinations of directors from abroad with the best English performers of eighteenth-century music. First Sigiswald Kuijken came to lead the London Baroque Players, then Arnold Ostman arrived to conduct Cimarosa at Sadler's Wells, and on Monday night Gustav Leonhardt directed the Schola Cantorum of Oxford and a specially-formed Spitalfields Baroque Orchestra in a programme of Bach.

Many of the players in these events have been the same but the results have been radically different; it was Leonhardt who risked most and gained most from an approach that is quite unfamiliar in this country. There was no easy reliance on the chugging rhythms and neat figuration which sustain too much period-instrument playing here: every musical gesture was boldly, at times awkwardly, swept into place, and often the forward pulse of the playing was sacrificed to an extraordinarily tense insistence on a tiny metrical shape or breathing-space.

The technique paid in the choral writing: this is the only time I have heard an English group even approach the *Buffs'* quickly-fading attack and gentle chording of such continental choirs as the Ghent Collegium Vocale, and in the intimate serenities of the Cantata *Gottes Zeit* the result was not in the least affected even though the singers were clearly only beginning to come to terms with the sound. Reedy gambas (also heard to beautiful effect in Cantata 198) and recorders whispering their overlapping dissonances (well caught by the wonderful bloom of the church's acoustic) matched the choral voices perfectly.

The soloists, alas, sounded quite out of it all: Ian Partridge was understandably reluctant to give voice at all in Cantata 106 lest he should overwhelm the proceedings, and, though Jennifer Smith was allowed to blossom in Cantata 198, only Max van Egmond could sustain a line that was in scale with the occasion. Between the two cantatas Leonhardt directed a relaxed, lilting Sinfonia from Cantata 42, with some uncertain tempi but most expressive playing from first oboe and strings and admirably clear counterpoint from the bassoon – a suave, humane account to set beside Harnoncourt's hectic virtuosity in the same Sinfonia on the Telefunken complete recording of Bach's cantatas.

Nicholas Kenyon

RCS/Davies
Festival Hall

Since splendour of a solitary kind is consistently denied Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, there can hardly be a better practical and aesthetic move in programme planning than to twin it with a work which gives out, with similar forces, a different reflection of the same glory: Nielsen's *Hymnus Amoris*.

Despite Nielsen's claims for the elevating and universalizing power of Latin, his half-hour work is of more specific and often more affective human proportions than the final choral movement of the Beethoven. The childhood chorus, fearlessly and simply sung on Monday by the choir of Trinity College of Music Junior Department, focuses the blithe, child-like experience of the unifying power of love that radiates the entire work.

This deceptive simplicity is saved from the simplistic by shrewd touches like the use of three male voices of contrasting timbres (Philip Langridge, Bruce Kershaw, John Shirley-Quirk) for the reflections of old age; or the lacerating soprano plaint (Margaret Curphey) disturbing the self-assured men's chorus. The Royal Choral Society had the full measure of the mellifluous contrapuntal writing interlaced and pointed by keenly selected orchestral colours.

After the interval, we had good reason to be grateful for the presence of John Shirley-Quirk. His thrillingly expressive "O Freunde, nicht diese Töne!" went straight to the mark, as if determined to direct and galvanize all that was to come, as well, alas, as being all too apt a response to what had gone before. For, despite assiduous and valiant singing from chorus and soloists, yet another band of deputies from the London Symphony Orchestra gave a performance which, in its alternation between hollow rhetoric and bland, even careless complacency, was less than worthy of its large and loyal audience.

Hilary Finch

Television

Natural delights

Richard Mabey's Back to the Roots series on Channel 4 is immensely educational. By the time the eight programmes are ended, we shall no doubt be looking at the countryside not only differently but hungrily.

Last night he was focusing on the old British custom of cut-and-come-again. Our ancestors, who were much smarter than we might have thought in their attitude to the natural world, used this method to nurture plants in the wild, an alternative way of provisioning to hunting or cultivation and one of which Mr Mabey, one of our most influential conservationists, approves.

He introduced us first to the delights of sea kale, the shoots of which, apparently, are as tasty as asparagus. Once it was plentiful along our shores. Then, in the nineteenth century, a botanist wrote a pamphlet extolling its virtues and gardeners descended wholesale and dug up the plants to grow in their gardens. Our ancestors, of course, would have left it where it was and come back for more. Now only one plant survives on the whole Norfolk coast and Mr Mabey crouched over it and mourned.

The wild service tree has fared better. Its berries were consumed in place of sweets by the poor and publicans used them to sweeten their beer-mash. Sugar and the import of fresh fruits left the service tree – known in parts of the country as "chequers" because of the past association with brewing – forgotten. Mr Mabey ate a couple of berries and pronounced them good.

He also warned against a pejorative attitude to all weeds. Melde, for instance, also known as "fat hen", presumably because it was used to enhance poultry, could be cooked and was every bit as good as spinach. Mr Mabey also demonstrated how the natural management of woodland, coppicing, which yields a continuous supply of wood without destroying woods, is back in favour.

Only one complaint against Mr Mabey, who will next week be dealing with herbs and their place in our superstitions: I do wish he would slow down. But he is value for money and there is, of course, a book on the series.

Dennis Hackett

Holly Hill reports from New York on British success in this year's Tony awards

Cheering day for Broadway

The New York theatre community expected this year's Tony awards ceremony to be more hollow than heartfelt. Depressing statistics about the 1982-83 season were bruited last week in trade and national newspapers; 27 out of 41 new shows were officially labelled flops, and not one new show has yet recouped its investment. Even more alarming than a plethora of fast flops has been the refusal of audiences to support even such critically acclaimed works as Lanford Wilson's *Angel's Fall* and the RSC's *All's Well That Ends Well*. The formula for artistic and commercial success having been mislaid, the future looks alarming.

The Tony awards relieved this gloomy atmosphere by celebrating Broadway's past and present in its most firmly conceived and stylishly exectued show in years. Its theme – a salute to the work of George and Ira Gershwin – was not imposed upon the show but grew out of an occasion: the renaming, during the telecast, of the Uris as the Gershwin Theatre. The opening number, the jubilant "Kickin' the Clouds Away" from the current *My One and Only*, led gracefully into guest artists' presentation of other Gershwin songs throughout the evening.

An ingenious innovation this year was the use of actors costumed for their roles in current Broadway shows to give the awards. Alternately viewing costumes from current shows and performers doing Gershwin numbers in a silvery Art Deco setting reinforced the linkage of past and present.

Elements which joined past and present to the future were the comments of several winners. Andrew Lloyd Webber, accepting the award for Best Score of a Musical for *Cats*, expressed the hope that there will be a free exchange of musicals between America and England. A producer of *On Your Toes*, which won as Oustanding Reproduction, took the award as a sign of approval for continuing to preserve and present faithfully "American theatre's greatest art form, the Broadway musical". Harvey Fierstein, who carried off Tonys both as Outstanding Actor and for Best Play for *Torch Song Trilogy*, retold the rags-to-riches saga of his show's genesis in an Off-Off-Broadway basement – an implicit reminder that such progressions can happen again.

Fierstein's victory for best play exemplified the healing aspect of the Tonys in a year of bitter battles over nominations. The Tony nominating committee, which has promised to reconsider its rules, was most criticized for leaving Neil Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs* off its final list. The *Trilogy*, which looks to be Broadway's first long-running hit about homosexuals, clearly became the sentimental favourite.

The nominating committee's blunder in not permitting, despite precedent, Kathy Bates and Ann Pitoniak to be nominated together as Outstanding Actress for the two-character *'night, Mother* may have cost them the award (they were nominated separately), but Jessica Tandy was a popular winner for *Foxfire*. Possibly reacting to injustices in the nominating process, Tony voters this year appear to have wanted to spread the wealth. Thus John Napier won Outstanding Costume Design for *Cats* but lost to Ming Cho Lee's Setting for *K2*. Tommy Tune and Thommie Walsh won Outstanding Choreography for *My One and Only*, but lost Outstanding Director of a Musical to Trevor Nunn's *Cats*.

Alexander H. Cohen's presentation of the Tonys was virtually flawless, but it would be more fun if the television audience could see what goes on in the theatre itself. During one commercial break Mr Cohen, who before the ceremonies had begged winners to keep their thanks brief, darted on stage to announce: "I'd like to say that the long-playing record of the acceptance speeches will be available in the lobby as you leave." Television cameras shot above the "F" row sign which was stuck at the hemline of Jessica Tandy's white lace gown, and above the exquisitely posed feet of Natalia Makarova as she accepted her Outstanding Actress in a Musical award.

Audiences heard Miss Makarova's delightful thanks to "my husband, who didn't help much but wasn't in my way"; but missed his laughter at the comment, and were also focused elsewhere when Trevor Nunn gave a little jump for joy in his seat when *Cats* won the Best Musical.

Dance

Cinderella
Coliseum

Ben Stevenson mounted *Cinderella* for Festival Ballet 10 years ago but it did not last long in the repertory. They took it down from the shelf for a pre-Christmas tour and on Monday the revival had its first London showing at the Coliseum. Will it have better luck this time?

The music, at least, is more attractive than Prokofiev's other long ballets, and the Festival Ballet orchestra gave a decent account of it under Graham Bond's direction. *Lighter in texture than Romeo*, more melodious too, it is a modern equivalent of those likable, craftsmanlike nineteenth-century scores which are so often and unjustifiably abused.

The structure of the music more or less dictates the action, but even so the resemblances between Stevenson's production and Ashton's more famous one at Covent Garden are too close for comfort, drawing attention to the fact that, as a dance inventor, the younger man is not competing in the same league. His dance routines are just that – routine.

Now and again he has a really intelligent production touch. The best is near the end, when the prince recognizes Cinderella as soon as he sees her face without needing to see the shoes tried on. But Stevenson's ugly sisters are not very funny: no likelihood of these stealing the show though Kenn Wells tries his kleptomanic best.

In the opening cast, Patricia Ruanne made a Cinderella responsive to every change of mood and circumstance. Jonas Kaage is a handsome and ardent lover for her, an exceptionally strong partner and a dashing soloist. The other outstanding performance came from Koen Onzia as the jester, amazingly speedy, light and strong.

The fairies who escort Cinderella have less interesting dances than in Ashton, and almost disappear among the guests at the ball. Peter Farmer's designs also evoke a sense of *déja vu*, but are in better taste than the present Covent Garden version.

John Percival

Theatre

As You Like It
Regent's Park

With a pugilistic musical planned for next month and a wrestling match in *As You Like It*, the front stalls at Regent's Park this year could be labelled "Ringside". It is not often one sees an Olympic skating champion half-nelsoning a broken-nosed bruiser before going on to give a very decent performance of a Shakespeare romantic lead.

But there are more reasons for visiting this production than John Curry's debut as Orlando: a lovely Rosalind, a brilliant Touchstone, an exceptionally distinguished Jaques played by a well-known director, and a pretty production by Richard Digby Day which, despite its unpretentiousness (or perhaps because of it), presents the charm and fun and pain of the play intact.

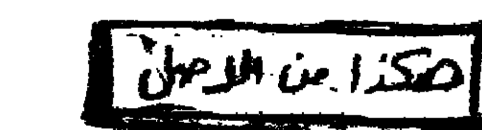
Hugh Durrant's costumes – the sylvan set with its grotto and blossom-strewn walks is there already, of course – are nineteenth-century, for prettiness as much as anything. James Cairncross's cigar-smoking Duke sports malevolent whiskers, the prim, bespectacled Celia (Abigail McKern) is straight out of Mary Russell Mitford, and blond Oliver (Stephen Rayne) is every inch the squire's brat in side-whiskers and bowler, cowing the Thomas Hardy rustics with a riding-crop.

A voluptuously feminine Victorian maiden with long chestnut curls, Louise Jameson's Rosalind finds her spirit liberated as soon as she dons trousers and, addressed as Sir for the first time, darts Celia a look of excitement at the success of her disguise. The tension of her role-playing is finely judged between high comedy and the aching frustration of wooing her lover in another's person, whatever the verbal brilliance and sportive invention that proximity awakens in her.

Jaques is David William, a black-clad figure of Dickensian whimsicality in whom melancholy is both a comic outlet and a lifetime's art. Rich in verbal and psychological insight, the reading finds an anchor in the exceptionally difficult passage (as a former student Jaques, I say this with feeling) where he discovers his life's purpose in social criticism that momentarily seems capable of changing the world. The "seven ages" speech is beautifully done, without gimmicks, a distillation of mischief and bitter sarcasm that is full of flavour to the last drop.

He finds a natural partner in Paul Raffield's sharp, youthful Touchstone, whose Irish brogue rattles out the wit with sparkle and seductiveness and who is perfectly at home in the incongruous period with his motley waistcoat, a red bowler and an endless striped sock doubling as a muffler. This last is removed for a paddle in the brook as he chats with Corin while their goats, audible over the tannoy, browse in the summer evening somewhere in the direction of Baker Street.

Anthony Masters



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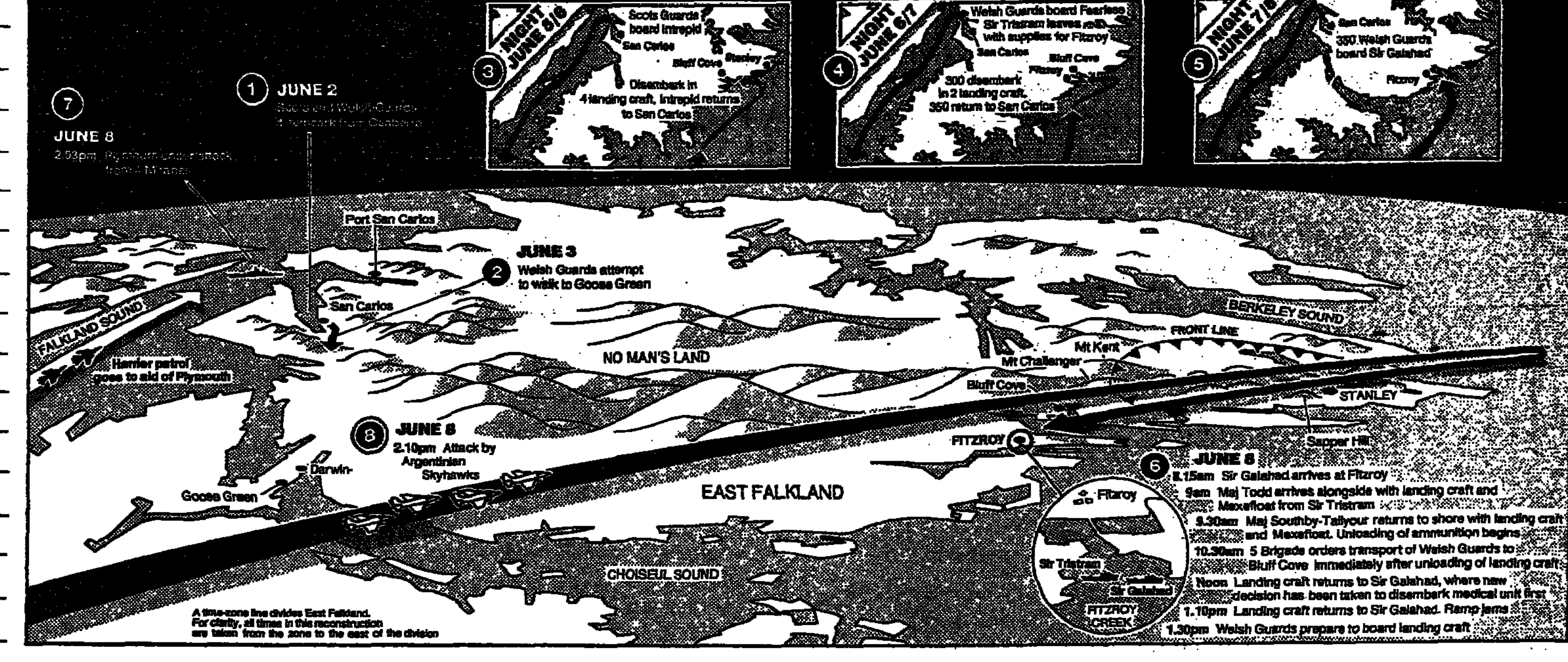
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A clear day and a sitting target

The Welsh Guards' tragedy at Fitzroy, one of the most shocking episodes of the Falklands war, was the subject of a naval board of inquiry whose findings were never made public. **Jenny Rathbone** reconstructs the tangle of conflicting priorities which fatally exposed them a year ago today

John Grimwade



In the waters off the small settlement of Fitzroy, during the afternoon of Tuesday, June 8, 1982, British forces sustained their worst casualties of the Falklands war. On a single ship, the Sir Galahad, 48 men were killed. Three times that number were wounded, many of them horribly burnt. It was the last day on which Argentina launched serious air attacks against British forces, and less than a week before the final surrender at Port Stanley.

Sir Galahad had arrived at Fitzroy bay that morning, laden with 350 Welsh Guards and their equipment. She had sat for six hours in broad daylight, in full view of the Argentines occupying the hills between Fitzroy and Port Stanley. Her sister ship Sir Tristram had been anchored 200 yards away since before dawn the previous day, unloading her cargo of ammunition.

The men and machinery on these two logistical landing ships (LSLs) were urgently required to enable the long-awaited, two-brigade advance on Port Stanley to begin. Sending them by sea was the quickest way of getting them to the front line.

The risks involved had been the subject of continuous debate between London and the command off the Falkland Islands over the previous five days. In particular, it had been decided that it was too dangerous to risk a capital assault ship (Intrepid or Fearless) in taking troops to the front. The more expendable LSLs, however, could be used – even though they had no significant defences.

But, unforseen by the planners, the dangers to Sir Galahad and the Welsh Guards were to multiply in the hours before the ship sailed into Fitzroy bay. The previous day, Monday, June 7 – as was later revealed by signals intelligence – the Argentines manning observation posts overlooking Fitzroy bay, noting the arrival of Sir Tristram and anticipating a troop landing, had sent a message to the mainland requesting an air strike. The Argentine air force was given more than 24 hours to plan and carry out the attack. It was to do so with devastating effect.

The origin of the tragedy goes back to May 25, when the container ship Atlantic Conveyor was hit by an Exocet missile. Three giant Chinook helicopters were lost with the ship, virtually eliminating the airborne troop-carrying capacity of the British task force. Commodore Michael Clapp, the naval officer in charge of the amphibious landing which began on May 21, wanted to postpone any advance out of the San Carlos bridgehead until the losses of the Atlantic Conveyor could be replaced. He was overruled by his superiors in London: the political and military imperatives were to get on with the war.

When the Welsh and Scots Guards disembarked from the Canberra at San Carlos on Wednesday, June 2, Major General Jeremy Moore, the land forces commander, decided that no helicopters could be made available to bring them forward to the front line; they were stretched supplying the troops already situated on the high ground.

The Guards were stuck at San Carlos, but their arrival gave their brigade commander, Brigadier Tony Wilson, the back-up to accelerate movement on the southern route. Having ascertained that no Argentines were occupying the settlements of Fitzroy and Bluff Cove, Wilson commandeered the sole surviving Chinook helicopter on the island to airlift 154 men of 2 Para from Goose Green to within 15 miles of Port Stanley.

Moore's staff were forced to reorganize the movement of helicopters to ensure that 2 Para were reinforced with enough firepower to resist an enemy counter-attack. But as soon as an adequate defensive position had been established, the helicopters reverted to their previous tasks. This left 5 Brigade's command structure and communications vehicles scattered between San Carlos, Darwin and Fitzroy; and the two Guards battalions – 5 Brigade's essential infantry component – still stuck at San Carlos.

On June 3, the Welsh Guards tried to walk to Darwin. But when the light tractor and Sno-cat vehicles carrying their heavy equipment broke down after three miles, the plan was abandoned.

An initial plan for both Guards battalions to sail round to Bluff Cove under cover of darkness on the assault ship Intrepid and two LSLs and unload throughout the following day, protected by the Navy's guns, was vetoed by a signal from Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, Commander in Chief in London. Mrs Thatcher was under pressure to move to the negotiating table and the loss of another major warship could seriously undermine her resolution to push on for a military victory. Intrepid was not to be exposed to a daylight air attack.

The Welsh Guards were sent back to their original camp at San Carlos to await fresh instructions. Under a revised plan, the Scots Guards were taken half-way to Bluff Cove on Intrepid and completed the journey in the ship's four large landing craft. They were guided there by Major Ewen Southby-Tailyour, a landing craft and Falklands expert.

On the evening of June 6, the Welsh Guards were loaded on to Fearless, Moore's command ship. Fearless's captain, Jeremy Larkin, argued that with his ship's superior engine speed, and by leaving San Carlos before nightfall, he could halve the distance the Welsh Guards would have to travel by landing craft to complete their journey. But two of Fearless's four landing craft had to be left behind at San Carlos to continue loading supplies on to Sir Tristram, sailing south with supplies later that night; and a rendezvous with Southby-Tailyour and the Intrepid landing craft never materialized. A force nine gale forced the Intrepid boats to remain in Fitzroy bay.

Major Tony Todd, a Royal Corps of Transport officer on the Commodore's staff, was roused from his bed and told he was to guide half the embarked Welsh Guards to Bluff Cove on the two landing craft Fearless had with her.

Unhappy about having to leave half his men on board Fearless, the Welsh Guards' commanding officer, Lt. Col. John Rickett, left the ship with the understanding that they would join him as soon as possible. Major Guy Sayle, commanding officer of the Prince of Wales company, remained in charge of the 350 Welsh Guards who returned to San Carlos. Discussion about what to do with them went on for nearly 24 hours.

During the deliberations, Fearless was caught in the Falkland Sound in daylight and attacked by Argentine planes. The ship escaped unscathed, but any residual thoughts about using either of the assault ships in a repeat operation were resolved by a further message from Fieldhouse in London. He vetoed any further use of either Fearless or Intrepid; troop movements by sea in future would have to be conducted by LSL.

The LSL in question was Sir Galahad, which had returned empty to San Carlos on the morning of June 7 and was already earmarked to take Rapier surface-to-air missiles and an army medical team to Fitzroy. It was decided that the ship would sail south of the island that night, taking the Welsh Guards with her.

Once the decision had been made, however, it was clear that the supplies rather than the troops had become the priority. On board Fearless that day, Brigadier Wilson's priority was to establish an advance dressing station at Fitzroy, and to build up his brigade headquarters and maintenance area there.

Moore's staff, for their part, wanted to make Fitzroy the main maintenance and supply area for both 3 Brigade and 5 Brigade in the forthcoming push on Stanley. With this purpose in view, the Rapiers were uppermost in their minds. Much less attention seems to have been paid by the planners to the Welsh Guards and the field ambulance unit. Contradictory orders were given to the Master of Sir Galahad and to the senior officer commanding the troops.

The Master, Captain Phil Roberts, was told by Major Guy Yeoman of Clapp's staff to go initally to Bluff Cove and to offload the Welsh Guards. He was then to sail the rest of his cargo back round to Fitzroy, all under cover of darkness. Maj Sayle was told by Col Baxter of General Moore's staff to transfer his Welsh Guards from Fearless to Sir Galahad, which would be sailing to Fitzroy. Sayle was given no new orders, either on board Fearless or subsequently on Sir Galahad, that would have altered those given to him by his commanding officer the previous night before they were separated: Lt Col Rickett had told him to bring the men and their equipment to Bluff Cove by sea as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, the medical unit due to sail on Sir Galahad had not been told the ship's schedule. Lieutenant Colonel John Roberts, commanding officer of the 16th Field Ambulance, had been given his orders over an insecure beach net, capable of being listened to by the enemy. It took the field ambulance seven hours after receiving their orders to start coming on board – long after the Welsh Guards had been embarked and were ready to sail. So Sir Galahad set off for Fitzroy, with less than nine hours of darkness ahead of her.

At Fitzroy, 5 Brigade's staff had received no information about Sir Galahad's movements. Sir Tristram had arrived unannounced before dawn on June 7 and Major Todd, having deposited his 300 Welsh Guards at Bluff Cove, had crossed to Fitzroy with his two landing craft to supervise her unloading. He had six landing craft at his disposal, plus a Mexefloat pontoon.

Whatever message was sent from Fearless at San Carlos on June 7 concerning the rest of the Welsh Guards being sent south on Sir Galahad, there is no evidence that it arrived either at the brigade headquarters at Darwin or forward at Fitzroy. In ignorance, 5 Brigade at Fitzroy relinquished five of the six landing craft overnight: four sailed to rejoin their mother-ship, Intrepid; the fifth was despatched to Goose Green.

Only one person at Fitzroy was expecting Sir Galahad when she arrived there at 8.15 on the morning of June 8. Just before she arrived, Maj. Todd, on board Sir Tristram, had read a signal that had come in overnight on the ship's teleprinter. It gave Sir Galahad's revised departure and arrival time. At that stage, a single landing craft and a Mexefloat pontoon were moored alongside Sir Tristram, waiting for the tide to change.

Todd gathered them together and crossed over to Sir Galahad, now anchored 200 yards away, to start grappling with the new and difficult situation. It was a beautiful clear day; they could see, and be seen, for miles.

Boarding Sir Galahad through the stern gate, Todd invited the commanding officers of the two Welsh Guards rifle companies on board, Sayle and Major Charles Bremner, to take their men ashore immediately at Fitzroy. This, of course, contradicted their expectation, which was to be taken directly to Bluff Cove by sea without separating their men from their equipment. They requested to be taken there without delay.

Maj Southby-Tailyour, who had also crossed to Sir Galahad from Sir Tristram, joined the discussion on the tank deck. He indicated that it was too dangerous to send the landing craft or the LSL itself to Bluff Cove in daylight, and advised the officers to take their men ashore at Fitzroy. But the frustrated Welsh Guards officers were determined not to allow their men to become a low priority once again.

There were no direct communications between the LSL and 5 Brigade headquarters at Fitzroy settlement, a 20-minute walk from the beach. So Southby-Tailyour was despatched there to seek new orders, leaving the landing craft and the Mexefloat at the beach to begin offloading their pallets of ammunition, more than an hour after the ship had anchored.

The senior staff officer at Fitzroy was Major Barney Rolfe-Smith. His superiors were all assembled on board Fearless (again anchored in the relative safety of San Carlos Water), for Moore's all-day council of war. Sir Galahad was not uppermost in their minds.

Rolfe-Smith initially greeted Southby-Tailyour's message with disbelief; he thought that most of the Welsh Guards had already landed at Bluff Cove that night before. After an hour's deliberation, he decided that they should disembark first. As soon as the landing craft had unloaded its ammunition, it was to take the Welsh Guards to Bluff Cove – in daylight.

After midday, nearly four hours after Sir Galahad's arrival, the landing craft finished unloading and went back empty to the ship. In the meantime, however, Lt Col Roberts had succeeded in getting 5 Brigade's fresh decision altered. It was now agreed that his advance medical unit of 12 men and nine vehicles should get off first – before the Guards.

After depositing the medics on Fitzroy beach, there was a further delay: the landing craft was sent round to the jetty at Fitzroy settlement to take on rations and fuel destined for Bluff Cove. Finally, five hours after Sir Galahad's arrival, it returned to the ship to take off the first load of Welsh Guards – but as the landing craft approached the stern gate of Sir Galahad, its ramp jammed.

Forty miles away at San Carlos, a first wave of Argentine aircraft swooped down to attack HMS Plymouth. The single pair of Harriers patrolling the islands south of Falkland Sound were summoned in response to Plymouth's call for help.

No such defences were available to Sir Galahad: no frigates in the area, no Harriers airborne, no Rapiers operational, no Blowpipe troops deployed; poor communications delayed receipt of the original air raid warning at Fitzroy by 12 minutes, and there was no direct link to pass the message on to the ships anchored in the bay. At 2.10pm, four Argentine Skyhawks attacked Sir Galahad and Sir Tristram.

Sir Galahad was hit four times. One unexploded bomb passed clean through the ship's hull. Another exploded in the midst of the Welsh Guards' mortar platoon, assembled in a confined space on the tank deck. Most of them were killed. After the initial shock, the survivors groped around in the darkness and smoke to find escape hatches, with ammunition exploding all around them.

Forty-eight men died on board Sir Galahad, 38 of them Welsh Guards. Two more died on board Sir Tristram. More than 150 were wounded.

Only the heroism of the helicopter crews who flew into the black smoke to rescue the wounded, of the doctors who saved lives and of the soldiers, medics and crew who did what they could to rescue comrades trapped in the wreckage, smoke and flames, did something to save the day.

The author is a researcher for Granada Television's World in Action *programme*

Using the arrival of his infantry as a springboard for 2 Para's advance, Brigadier Tony Wilson (above) left the Guards' later movements to others as he joined the council of war on board Fearless

Maj Gen Jeremy Moore (above) and Commodore Michael Clapp (below) were, like Wilson, oblivious to the problem being created at Fitzroy by poor liaison

Maj Guy Sayle (above) and Maj Charles Bremner (below), in charge of the Guards on Sir Galahad, insisted on direct transportation to Bluff Cove

Lt Col John Roberts (above) requested priority for his medical team; Maj Ewen Southby-Tailyour (below) had no authority to take control

The most beautiful authors in the world

MOREOVER... Miles Kington



People who do very unusual jobs indeed

No 9: The man who poses for photographs on the back of shy authors' books

"My face has appeared on 20 or 30 books, and always as the author. I've been a famous thriller writer, a self-sufficiency expert, a professor of semantics, part of *The Sunday Times* Insight team – you name it, I've been it. With a blonde wig, I've been the occasional Mills and Boon-type authoress.

"Why? It depends, really. Sometimes it's because the author is genuinely shy and retiring, and hates to have his picture taken. Of course, shyness is an inverted form of vanity. Have you ever noticed that the one person in a group who runs from the camera is the one most obsessed with their appearance? Funny, that. Anyway, the publisher always likes to have a photo on the back, so they get me in.

"Then there's the best-selling author who doesn't like to be recognized in public. So he doesn't want his mug staring out of a million paperbacks, does he? People coming up to him and saying, 'Your characterization was really ropy in chapter eight, you old fraud.' They write a little clause in their contract saying they must not be pictured on the cover, so again they get someone like me in.

"But quite honestly, the main reason is that so many authors look so naff. They simply don't look the part. You buy a heart-stopping, sexy, thrill-a-minute book, and you don't want a bloke staring at you who looks as if he couldn't defend himself against a poodle, do you? Or, if he had to kiss a girl, always find himself kissing her nose? So, rather than put a picture of a wet civil servant on the back, the publisher sends for me. No boasting, but I'm semi-rugged, semi-sensitive and that's good for trade.

"Authors are lucky in that they generally don't have to appear in public and even when they do, people don't twig that the bloke on *Russell Harty* looks nothing like the bloke on the book. It's different if you're a performer. Like, if you're a singer, you can't sing behind a screen. Well, Elton John can sing behind a toupee, huge specs and a grand piano, but even so you can see bits of him.

"That's why I admire Barry Manilow so much. To have gone so far with a face like that. And songs like that. And, let's be honest, a voice like that. If he'd been an author, no publisher alive would have dared to put his face on a book.

"I think if the public found out how many of their favourite authors were really publishers' models, they'd feel cheated. But I don't see it as cheating. To my way of thinking, I look *more* like many of my authors than they do. To put it another way, people often don't look like themselves. Have you seen the faces on the election leaflets? Hello, I'm your friendly Labour candidate and all that? Terrible, terrible. They usually look more like Jack the Ripper or Yuri Andropov.

"There's a new trend among publishers to choose authors for their looks. Let's get someone who's going to look smashing on the back of the book, they say. No names, no pack drill, but they sign up Jackie this and Jilly that and Pat the other, just for the glamour. Well, what I want to know is this: can they write as well? I'm only asking.

"Incidentally, Mr Kington, I hope you don't mind my asking, but who've you got for that picture at the top of your column? Because – and no offence meant – he doesn't do a great deal for it. Either a maniac frown. What you need is someone semi-rugged, semi-sensitive, Yes, like me.

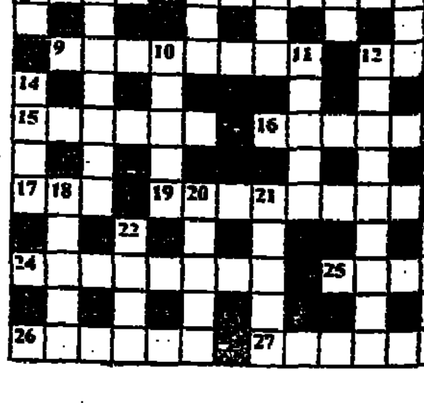
"On second thoughts, you ought to do a Richard Boston. Remember that? When he was writing a regular piece for *The Guardian* he used to complain about his mug-shot, so one day the subs stuck in a picture of Telly Savalas. The readers loved it. Next week they used a picture of Elvis, after that one of Brigitte Bardot, but then the editor stepped in and said it would have to stop. Great pity, I always thought.

"Know who I think would look good at the top of your column? Brahms. Brahms as a young man. Great face. Better than yours. Why not try it just once? See what people think. See if they even notice. Believe me, I think it would work and I should know. I'm doing myself out of a job, after all."

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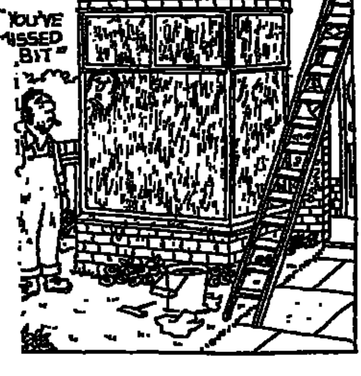
WEDNESDAY PAGE

ALAN FRANKS' DIARY

Home is where the burnt toast is

My daughter tells me she is leaving home. Such moments are never easy for a father, but when the girl is four years old the sense of failure is engulfing. My wife is busy feeding the baby and my three-year-old son is in the pantry dicing a slug with his Viking sword, so I have no one to turn to but you. If I am honest, this blow is not entirely unexpected; she has been expressing dissatisfaction with the menage for some time. We are falling down badly on what you might term the Egon Ronay and Isabella Beaton departments: the toast too black, the bread too crusty, the bunks too hard, the TV too small, the Hoover too loud, the newspapers too dull, the salary too meagre, the weather too wet, that sort of thing. A no-star rating all round; away with the RAC sign, and of course a merciless drubbing in the next issue of *Which Parent* ? She has been having a running in with my wife on the matter of tidiness (I don't know who was upbraiding whom), and has announced that as from Monday next she will be living in the pub. She doesn't say which one, so I suppose I will have to wait for the change of address card like everyone else.

The window-smearer is here today, and all is gloom. His name is Caetano, but I have no intention of making jokes against the Portuguese only against Caetano. He does have a certain scarcity value as the only Portuguese window cleaner in town, and charges accordingly. He starts at the top and works downwards – as many Latins are said to do – and the effect is of a shawl being draped over a lampshade; there is darkness where once there was light. He is skating a wiper blade across the panes in time to a throaty rendering of Victoria de los Angeles fados, but somehow there are still filthy suds drooling down the glass when he has finished. I really don't know how he does it. I have seen window cleaners from the pointillist and fauvist schools – the dabbers and daubers of their trade – but this chap must be a vorticist, a swirling free former of whom even Wyndham Lewis would have approved. Certainly he is an obscurantist, as the garden is now invisible. I only mention Caetano because at times of family crisis the most disparate elements are hijacked for political ends. I shall return to this theme when things become clearer.



…an now offer you a transcript of … *Leaving Home* tapes which I …e you if I am to expect any …npathy – which I don't. We have …ablished that the Waterman's …ns in River Street is to be her …v home.

…: But they don't take children.

…r: They do in the garden.

…: I see, and who will look after …?

…r: David and Charlotte's Daddy.

…: But he doesn't live at the …terman's Arms.

…: David and Charlotte's Mummy …he does.

Me: And will you come and visit me?

Her: No, you'll come and visit me.

Me: Ah.

Her: Can you take me in the car?

I have this recurring nightmare which involves a 17-year-old called Ray who is in love with his motorbike and my daughter, in that order. He is forever disturbing her A level revision and plucking her away on the pillion of his throbbing monster. His opening line is always: "I got the spare skidlid, Mr Franks", which is, in fairness to him, meant to be reassuring, but which never fails to have the opposite effect. If only he'd forget the damned skidlid I could block the outing on a technicality, but then I suppose he would only try to engage her in some indoor pursuit just as damaging to her interest. I cannot blame her for preferring Ray to André Gide, who probably never in his life roared a Harley Davidson at 80 down Tolworth Broadway, or cut a dash in his leathers at the Excel Bowl. Very well, you could retort that Ray is unlikely to come up with L'Immoraliste. But by the way she ties her arms around his waist like a scarf and leers in triumph at his mates as they all rev off, I suspect that he has no shortage of material.

A change of plan. The Waterman's Arms project is off.

Her: I'm going to live in a swimming pool in Ber-muda.

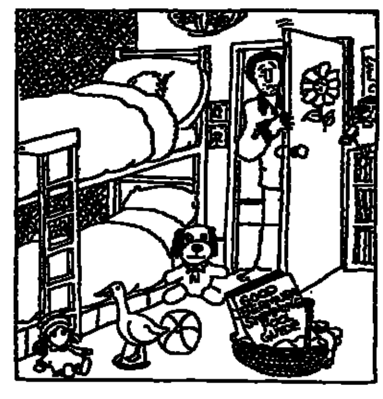
Me: Really? Who's going to pay?

Her: *The Times.*

Me: That's jolly kind of them. How much will it cost?

Her: Two pee twenty quid.

Me: Very reasonable.



To revert to Caetano: he has now completed his impression of a total eclipse of the sun and is singing a doleful reprise about some wretched dove that has lost its way in a storm. I know the feeling. Caetano, though it is not entirely his fault, has precipitated this Leaving Home business. He always makes a point of ingratiating himself with the children as they play in the front garden; they then – so he claims – tell him their parents would love the windows cleaned, and by the time the first suds are being draped across your vision, it is too late to stop him, for the poor man has been stricken with a sudden language problem. My daughter has enjoyed my discomfiture on many of these occasions, and I still believe it was my hard words with her after the last visit that made her decide it was time to clear out.

Bermuda plan still on. Another rotten night for me, with three Tay dreams on the trot. These ones are so vivid that I creep to my daughter's bedroom just to check that she is still there on the top bunk, that she has not aged 13 years in five hours, and that those are not copies of Gide on the Beatrix Potter shelf. But when I catch a glimpse of her little trousseau, her soft menagerie crammed into a basket for the eight-hour haul from Heathrow, I realize that reality is gaining ground on the dream.



Robin Laurance

Carolyn Douglas and Ruth Schmidt conducting an Exploring Parenthood workshop

Growing into parenthood

More and more people are seeking advice to help them to avoid the pitfalls of bringing up their children. Peta Levi explains

Jennie is in her early forties and is one of a growing number of people attracted to workshops run by a new national organization called Exploring Parenthood. A primary school teacher, she divorced her alcoholic husband 15 months ago and is bringing up three children aged 10, seven and five. She says: "I think that the old guidelines for bringing up a family have gone out of the window – religion is weak and moral values have been turned upside down.

"I don't turn to friends for advice because none is in a similar position; and my parents, like many others, are suspicious of anything starting with 'psy', so they fall back on the traditional ways of bringing up a family."

She does not know what caused her husband's alcoholism, but says that with his strict religious background, he thought he could cure it through his own willpower and was not prepared to seek psychotherapeutic help. But Jennie took herself to a psychiatrist and the family to a child guidance clinic to help them through this difficult time. "There were no specific problems – the children weren't bed-wetting or screaming at night – but I wanted a safety net for them and a sounding-board for myself to test out what I was thinking and feeling. I am aware of some of the traps, like becoming a dominant mother to my son when there is no father figure. I wondered if I was wasting the child counsellor's time, but she said it was refreshing for her to see a family before the children had become delinquent and before the mother was having a nervous breakdown; a great deal of children's behaviour depends on how the mother is feeling and coping".

Exploring Parenthood discusses and explores with professionals as well as with other parents the everyday challenges and pleasures of being a parent. It was formed in 1982 by Ruth Schmidt, a child psychotherapist, and Carolyn Douglas, a family therapist, who were colleagues for seven years in the Department for Children and Parents at the Paddington Centre for Psychotherapy. Through their work at the centre they saw a wide [illegible] range of children with behaviou[illegible] problems and realized that there is a great lack of knowledge about the emotional development of children and adults and that many parents would have welcomed the opportunity to discuss behaviour patterns with professionals before a crisis erupted.

In 1981 Ruth and Carolyn were invited to give a workshop on parenthood for the Westminster Pastoral Foundation (an organization for training counsellors). Afterwards they sent a report to Dr Hugh Jolly, peadiatrician at Charing Cross Hospital. Jolly became interested and spent an afternoon questioning them on their ideas and aims. At the end he suggested they should start a national organization as he felt there was a great need for such workshops. He is now joint sponsor of Exploring Parenthood with Richard Whitfield, Professor of Education at Aston University.

Carolyn is in her early forties and is married with three children; Ruth is in her late thirties and is unmarried. Both are warm and caring. They have selected a team of 12 professionals from people whose work they know well and most of whom have families. This peripatetic team, which includes psychiatrists, psychologists, analysts, therapists and a marriage guidance counsellor, will travel to any part of Britain to give a workshop. They have already held two in London and one in Paris for English-speaking parents abroad (Carolyn is now based in Paris because of her husband's job). Workshops usually take the form of talks from professionals followed by small group discussions. Requests to run workshops have come from groups as varied as the North East Pre-School Playgroups Association, parents representing the National Childbirth Trust and National Housewives Register and a London-based company for their employees, mostly male, who often face stress of various kinds with their families. The themes of future workshops will include Divorce and separation; Parents and their adolescent children, and Full Circle, from birth to old age, including parenting one's parents.

Is such an organization really necessary? I asked a north London GP who for 14 years has run a large family practice. He felt that parents would be unlikely to go to such workshops unless they had a problem, and that the National Health Service in most parts of the country provides an adequate standard of help for people with specific problems. But, he added, many people are frightened about seeking professional advice, particularly if the problem is emotional rather then physical, and an organization which bridged the gap between parents and professionals would be a good thing.

The doctor also pointed out that most social rules have been successfully challenged over the last 20 years and this had led to insecurity and uncertainty about where the boundaries lie. More children were going to his surgery with physical complaints – headaches, tummy aches and recently a severe case of eczema – which turned out to be caused by emotional stress at home.

Who goes to the Exploring Parenthood workshops? A surprising variety of people – happily married couples, single fathers-/mothers, divorced, separated people and one couple who did not have children but wanted to know how a family might affect their lives. One single-parent father, who runs his own business from home, does the cooking and housework and brings up his teenage son and daughter, says he finds the workshops useful because they provide "a professional environment where I can discuss intimate worries with intelligent people – not subjects I particularly want to discuss with my friends. Having to be mother and father, I want to increase my knowledge of how children develop emotionally and physically, so that I can help them to realize their potential."

Most, but not all, participants are middle class. One woman who is not, a representative of the One O'Clock Club run by the GLC, says, "Many London working class parents of pre-school children feel isolated, either because they are single parents or because they have moved away from their families. They feel they are constantly being criticized and told what to do, when in fact they are doing a good parenting job, but need their self-confidence built up in order to carry on".

Her observation was supported by the results of a survey just published in *Woman* magazine. Of 7,000 mothers who replied to a questionnaire, one in seven hardly ever ventures out with small children because of the hostility they meet from the general public; the combination of this hostility and the physical problems with push-chairs on public transport revealed that one in three never take their children on trains and one in five don't attempt to travel on a bus; one in three won't go to the local park because of the dogs' dirt or fear of gangs of youths. Considering that 70 per cent of women in Britain don't drive, these are appalling figures.

Don't most people turn to their friends and family for advice on bringing up children? Ruth replied: "The notion that problems can safely be contained within the family is highly idealized. Much misery and thwarting of growth went unnoticed in the past, mainly because people's expectations were more limited and the idea of personal growth and change had not become as acceptable as it is today. An understanding of emotional development is hardly a luxury pursuit for the limited few, but an extension of public health."

Ruth and Carolyn believe there is a tremendous emotional investment in parenthood – often blanketed by secrecy because of the fear of failure. The statistics supplied by child guidance clinics are therefore unlikely to give an accurate picture of the general level of stress.

Ruth concludes: "We are trying to disseminate basic information about the requirements for healthy emotional growth and development and to combine parental skills with those of experts to help parents understand the meaning of their own and their children's behaviour, so that they are not shattered by events erupting 'out of the blue', like drug addiction, failure in later life, depression and suicide; wasted lives and ambitions. This process is also one of discovery for both parents and children and can be pleasurable and exciting for both."

The single-parent father quoted earlier commented: "Twenty years ago businessmen scoffed at the idea of sending managers to business school, but today it is accepted that you train in order to become a more effective businessman. Today people may laugh at training parents to parent, but one day people will accept it as part of a normal education".

TALKBACK

Swedish slant

From Bo Carlsson, Richmond, Surrey

I read the article about Swedish children who are taken into care (*Times*, May 27) with horror and sadness. However, my reaction was not caused by the plight of children and families subjected to namby-pamby official meddling. My horror was at the gross distortion of truth in the article. My sadness was that *The Times* published it.

For the past 13 years I have been working with issues concerning children in Sweden and abroad. I have also had the opportunity to look into almost all figures concerning children in Sweden.

It is not true that between five and ten times as many children are taken into care in Sweden as in any comparable country. In 1978, for example, 10,187 children under 18 were taken into care by Swedish local authorities. This does not include children voluntarily placed into foster homes by their parents. Even adding voluntary fostering to compulsory orders, the total comes to around 1 per cent of the child population. For Britain the figure is about the same.

The article says that 30,278 decisions were made by the child care authorities in 1979 so that every third child born in Sweden can expect to come to the attention of social workers. This is a distortion. Many of these decisions are multiple, ie, two or three decisions about the same child. Many of the decisions are also responses to requests from parents for nursery school placings of for day-care help for working parents. The conclusions drawn from the statistics in *The Times* article are, therefore, bogus.

Marriage meaning

From Mrs Molly Cross, Warkworth, Northumberland.

As a woman with 39 years' experience of happy married life behind me, during which my husband and I both worked and shared the household jobs, (and this is by no means a unique situation in our more than middle-aged age group), I felt impelled to reply to Veronica Edwards's article on the subject of marriage (May 27). In my opinion, it reveals a total misunderstanding of what marriage is about.

Marriage, at whatever stage, should not be a matter of struggling to retain one's independence. If that is the case, then why marry? True freedom involves responsibility, and happiness is not achieved by simply doing your own thing. In the case of marriage, freedom is a two-way process of give and take.

I am sorry for Veronica Edwards. Hers is a shabby substitute for the real thing.

Hard of hearing

From Mrs D. M Myers, Chorleywood, Herts.

Kathy Robinson's report in First Person (June 1) of her daughter's schooling was good reading. I am sure the hearing-impaired are happy with the increased recognition of their problems. However, while the hearing-impaired child possibly derives great benefits from the type of education Mrs Robinson describes, one wonders what the future will hold socially for such children. From our own observation, a generation is emerging which cannot communicate happily with the hearing – it is very difficult to keep up with them in the long term!

Even more unhappily, they cannot communicate with their hearing-impaired fellows – to the detriment of themselves and their fellows. Parents opting for this type of education should ensure that their children keep in touch with the hearing-impaired.

THE TIMES COOK



Shona Crawford Poole

Flights of fancy

…Lam Sing Lun had been up … filleting snakes. The …tal evidence, waiting pre…ably for the stock pot, lay in …eye-catching heap in his …en at the Man Wah …aurant of Hongkong's …darin Hotel.

…ef Lam had agreed to show …ow to cook the sautéed …ed pigeon that was so good … ordered it three times in a … and the lesson began, as …nstrations of Chinese …ng do, with the cleaver. At …ing speed he fashioned …ette fighting fish from …s of carrot and ginger, his … showing the irrepressible …ure of a man showing off …rd won skills.

…ese pretty garnishes were …s interesting as the way he …wed his gaze at each new …dient on the thick round …ping board, assessing how … to cut it for speed and …ss of cooking, and for …ic impression

…it happened I had picked a … which is easy to prepare …o cook though it may take …le longer to explain. The … is a bowl of finely …ped pigeon with ham, …oo shoots, pine nuts, …g onions and mushrooms. …e are sautéed together and …mixture is served dry and … hot. It is plainly not the … food to eat with chopsticks … is served with trimmed …s of crisp iceberg lettuce … diner spreads a little dark … sauce on a leaf of lettuce, … a spoonful of pigeon, and …es a one or two-bite parcel …ick up with the fingers. It is …eat deal simpler to make … Peking duck and its …mpanying pancakes.

…he recipe can very well be …le with chicken. Guinea … or young game birds would …ovely too. I have not found …ource of the salted and …iked Yunnan ham used in …na, and use instead Parma … or a well flavoured cooked ham. Bamboo shoots are sold in tins by every Oriental grocer, and these shops are also the places to buy dried Chinese mushrooms (black or brown), soy sauce, plum sauce, and sesame seed oil, if a local supermarket cannot supply them. A capacious and well-behaved frying pan can be substituted for a wok.

Sautéed minced pigeon

Serves four

30 g (1 oz) dried Chinese mushrooms
Breast meat of 2 young pigeons, about 225 g (8 oz)
110 g (4 oz) tinned bamboo shoots
55 g (2 oz) Yunnan or other smoked ham
55 g (2 oz) spring onions
55 g (2 oz) shelled peanuts
55 g (2 oz) pine kernels
Salt
Sugar
Monosodium glutamate (optional)
1 teaspoon cornflour
1 raw egg yolk
About 2 tablespoons peanut oil
1 teaspoon soy sauce
1 teaspoon sesame oil

Cover the dried mushrooms with cold water and leave them to soak for an hour or two, or overnight. Cut the pigeon meat into slices, then narrow strips and finally into cubes the size of match-heads.

Drain the mushrooms, discard the stalks and cut the caps into equally small dice. Drain and dice the bamboo shoots and chop the spring onions, peanuts and pine kernels into pieces of approximately the same size.

To the pigeon meat add a quarter teaspoon each of salt, sugar and monosodium glutamate, the cornflour, egg yolk and a tablespoon of water. Mix well.

Heat the wok until it is very hot and add about a teaspoon of peanut oil. Add the pigeon meat and stir fry it very briefly until it is about half cooked. Tip it into a sieve over a bowl and keep warm.

Dry the wok and add the bamboo shoots. Dry fry them, shaking and stirring constantly for about a minute. Add the bamboo shoots to the pigeon.

Add the remaining peanut oil to the wok and when it is really hot add the ham, spring onions, peanuts, and pine kernels and return the pigeon and bamboo shoots to the pan. Shake and stir the mixture on a high heat, sprinkling the soy sauce and sesame oil on to it and frying until the mixture is dry. Serve immediately.

Chef Lam serves the pigeon with deep fried rice stick noodles as well as the plum sauce and lettuce. These are the thin noodles made of rice flour which puff up and become pale and brittle when deep fried in peanut oil. They take less than a minute to cook.

Out of the valley of tranquillizers

FIRST PERSON

At its worst, being a Valium addict is like those first five minutes after you've just misssed having a major car crash: a sense of shock and panic, shaking, feeling sick, not being able to see quite clearly or hear what people are saying.

I was five when the war broke out. My parents were both schoolteachers. The whole family lived in awe of my grandfather, who was a country doctor, a fearsome, dogmatic man who instilled in us all a terror of being happy. We moved all the time. We were quite badly bombed. Before I was 16 I had been to 12 schools.

I longed to leave home. My parents were controlling, yet confusion reigned on every level. As soon as I could get away I found a job on a local newspaper. I was so desperate to be wanted that it took me over: I spent all day and most of the nights there. I only left to become a mature student at university.

When I was 26 I went to North America and found a job with an advertising company. I was even quite happy but then I started getting depressed and anxious. Soon I grew terribly frightened.

The first doctor I went to see gave me Librium. It made me calmer. I just kept going back to doctors for repeat prescriptions: I seemed to be able to convince them that I needed it. In those days no one said anything about it being addictive. You just took your "tranx" along with you as you might your lipstick.

Bit by bit, I built the dose up. From three Librium, I went over to Valium. From three Valium I moved up to four, and then five. First they were 15mg doses. Then I put them up to 25mg.

But by that time – some five years after I had taken that first Librium – I was taking other pills as well: for depression, for migraines, for insomnia, for nausea. I had become a pill freak. I was also becoming ashamed. I didn't want anyone to know what I was doing. I isolated myself from other people.

It was about the time I came back to London to join a management consultancy firm that I realized that I was feeling very peculiar indeed. My vision kept blurring. My migraines got worse. I seemed to forget everything. By now I had been told so often that I was a depressive, that I just assumed that was right.

I was taken into hospital casualty departments five times for different ailments – once after I had collapsed at the wheel of my car. I never told the hospitals how much Valium I was taking: and they never asked me. And then one day a woman locum prised it out of me. She seemed alarmed: 'You're taking too much,' she said. 'You must cut it down.'

I went down to 10mg doses. It was then that I really felt terrible. I couldn't swallow properly or breathe. I got muscular spasms; I couldn't write cheques; I started hallucinating; I couldn't telephone because I couldn't remember a number for long enough to dial; I was terrified of losing my job – I think I kept it only because I had my own office and I just kept working all the time. It took me 14 hours a day to do 6 hours work. Then I went numb down one side: I started to dribble slightly. My sphincter muscles went: I kept wetting myself. Above all, I was frightened, full of panic.

Then I had the incredible luck to meet an ex-alcoholic. He took me to AA and then to Narcotics Anonymous. I heard people talking about the tranquillizers. It was then that I realized what had happened to me: I had become an addict.

I listened and learnt what I should do. I decided to come off by myself, very slowly. I was terrified of losing control, being put in a bin. I lowered the dose, fraction by fraction, milligram by milligram, breaking the pills up into fragments. I kept going only by listening to people who had survived the experience: I had never felt so ill, so desperate, so full of fear. I couldn't drive; I couldn't read properly because my eyes watered all the time. One doctor who I went to see put me on Ativan instead. I seemed to feel worse.

It took me two years to come off completely. For the last five weeks I had to take leave from the office and go to bed: I had stopped being able to walk. For nearly 20 years, fear was the currency of my life. Today I have to get used to living with no pills of any kind. Very, very slowly things are beginning to come right. I'm alive. I'm a remade person.

Caroline Moorehead writes: *Anna (not her real name) is now 49, a successful management consultant. She refers to herself as a tranquillizer addict – of Valium, Librium, Ativan and Tranxene. She has been free, or "clean" as she puts it, for just over a year.*

Anna's experience is remarkable for the length of her dependency, for the size of her doses and for her courage in forcing herself to give them up. Yet it is not unique and doctors today are testifying in growing numbers to patients who took to the benzodiazepines tranquillizers – a misnomer, as it happens, for the family of some 25 drugs kills emotion rather than tranquillizes – in the early 1960s when they became readily available and are dependent on them to this day.

Between 100,000 and 250,000 people in Britain today are believed to be dependent on the these drugs, to the extent that withdrawal is physically and psychologically traumatic. Professor Malcolm Lader of the Institute of Psychiatry says: "In terms of numbers the problem is five times that of heroin at this moment".

Until five years ago, few people in the medical profession even noticed that tranquillizers were capable of inducing all the same symptoms of dependency as barbiturates or alcohol. The worth of the benzodiazepines had been proven in cases of chronic and acute anxiety, and as anti-convulsants and muscle relaxants and universally accepted as very desirable substitutes for the old barbiturates – safer, fewer side effects and almost no risk of overdose.

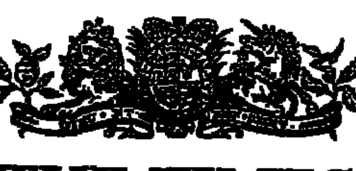
But patients consulting their doctors for conditions of mild depression and anxiety were routinely being handed prescriptions for these drugs – particularly women, for whom the benzodiazepines were regared as gentler and more appropriate alternatives to the true anti-depressants.

But then, five years ago, people started appearing at drug addiction units, self-help medical groups and GPs complaining that when they tried to lower the doses of their tranquillizers or get off them altogether, they were suffering appalling physical and mental discomfort.

"It was all anecdotal to start with", explains Professor Lader, whose research team in London is one of the two places, together with Nottingham, where benzodiazepines' dependency and withdrawal is now a subject of investigation and research. "But slowly we started gathering a profile of symptoms: heightened sensitivity to noise and light; pins and needles; metallic tastes in the mouth; feelings of disorientation; nausea; dizziness; palpitations."

Symptons of severe withdrawal occur, Professor Lader says, after only six months on the upper limit of the recommended dose (30 mg per day) or as little as a month on a very high one. Yet coming off has to be taken seriously – sudden stopping has been known to produce epileptic fits.

Professor Lader agrees that there undoubtedly exist a few people whose anxiety is such that a lifelong dependency on Valium is preferable to any alternative. He believes it is from patients themselves rather than doctors that a proper mistrust of too easy a use of these drugs will come as their powerful properties of dependency become better known. "Even then," he says, "we are left with an enormous number of people who are dependent, who need to withdraw, who must have the right medical help, and for whom at present there is no provision, no money and very little understanding".



THE TIMES DIARY

Winner's triumph

When the Alliance discovered that the new constituency of Windsor and Maidenhead takes in Eton College, they applied, without much hope, to speak to the pupils there. To their amazement they have been accepted and the candidate, Paul Winner, is to address a meeting of senior masters and boys tomorrow. This is a rare privilege, for the college asks few speakers; true, they had one the other week, but his name was Alexander Solzhenitsyn. I expect the other parties feel they have missed a trick in not approaching the college, since Winner's talk is making headline news in the local press and radio station.

Sea of arms

A new starring role for the deputy leader of the Labour Party aboard the Conservative campaign bus between Bristol and Cardiff is that of Hamlet. Yesterday Healey was transformed, at a stroke, by Sir Ronald Millar, Thatcher's speech writer, who declaimed the following soliloquy, entitled *Polaris Apart*:

To be and *not to be: that is the answer.*
For surely 'tis not beyond the wit of man
(Though something less than nobler in the mind)
To have it both ways with the electorate?
To retain – that is to say, to have and hold –
The slings and arrows of this watery weapon.
Yet simultaneously to "phase it out".
(Over the period of a Parliament)
Unilaterally? But soft! Is't credible?
Credibility: ay, there's the rub.
The rest is silence.

Blues and Royals

Mrs Thatcher's love of martial music is being stretched to the utmost. She has been woken early on several mornings recently by the sound of regimental bands practising Beating Retreat on Horse Guards Parade. She is an early waker, but 5.30 am is pushing it a little. I expect she would mind less were it not for the fact that military ceremony has already caused her one problem this campaign: if she is victorious at the polls tomorrow, the PM's proposed government changes will need the Queen's Assent but, as David Butler has pointed out, Her Majesty will be preoccupied with a little affair called Trooping the Colour.

● *Even if the Alliance is overhauling Labour, the position seems less healthy for the Gang itself. Esal, the bookmakers, are offering 100-1 against all four members being returned to Parliament.*

Sincerest form...

I thought for a moment that *The Guardian* was ignoring us, so little were we mentioned in that paper's daily round-ups of Fleet Street's election coverage. However, I noticed in yesterday's edition that they have more than redressed the balance by lifting, lock, stock and boundary, the new improved constituencies guide which our design and map departments so effectively contrived. I have to tell *The Guardian* that, while such full-page advertisements are always welcome, they reproduced our tiny error in the numbering system.

Socialist change

Whatever businesses are going to the wall in Thatcherite Britain, *New Socialist* is not one of them. The Labour Party's "intellectual" bi-monthly has hit such prosperous times that it plans to go monthly, probably from September. But the magazine's success is posing a problem for the editor, James Curran, *Times* columnist (see far right) and senior lecturer at the Polytechnic of Central London. His editorial activities have not endeared him to the rather touchy poly administration, and the relaunch posed a stark choice for him: either become a full-time editor or return to being a full-time poly lecturer. He has chosen the latter, leaving the chair empty for another committed Labour Party journalist. If I had to name a likely successor, I would go for one of the original candidates, Stuart Weir, at present an assistant editor of *New Society*.

● *The Haywards Heath Conservatives' poster, "Give Labour an inch and we may end up with a Foot," has brought this scrawled rejoinder on a hoarding: "Without a roof, who needs a Thatcher?"*

Unsung

The obituarists missed one small but significant piece of information in their tributes to the conductor Sir Anthony Lewis, who died on Sunday. None mentioned that he conducted Joan Sutherland's first recording sessions in 1958, when she sang Handel's dramatic oratorio *Esther*. His encouragement and her success on that occasion were of considerable importance in the development of her early career.

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

Friends of the Earth have news for the pollsters; the Tories are trailing dismally and have no hope of catching the Alliance. Admittedly this is based on a rather sectional canvassing operation, in which FoE assessed one in five of election candidates on their "environmental acceptibility". Successful respondents received this special seal of approval. As expected, the Ecology Party scored 100 per cent, Labour 97 the Alliance 86. The Tory returns were "statistically insignificant".

PHS

Thatcher pulls it off...this time

by David Watt

When this election campaign started the fashionable view was that "the issue is Mrs Thatcher". This was wrong. The time of Mrs Thatcher as an issue will inevitably come: perhaps in 18 months, perhaps in two or three years, when her popularity – already, in my opinion, past its zenith – becomes inadequate to cope with some major crisis and when her personality becomes a liability instead of an asset.

The issue in this election has been the Labour Party, which has been measured first of all as a more plausible government than the Conservatives, and, when it evidently failed that test after the first week of the campaign, as a more plausible opposition than the Alliance. If tomorrow's vote shows that Labour has failed the second test as well as the first, that will not be the end of the story, of course. Thanks to the electoral system (whose anomalies, incidentally, are going to be more outrageously exposed by this election than ever before) it is inconceivable that the Alliance will become the second largest grouping in the House of Commons on any realistic estimate of its popular vote.

A new Labour leadership – a new generation of leaders for that matter – may therefore be able in the course of a four or five year parliament to put together a quite new left-of-centre coalition that has vitality, credibility and a coherent constituency of interests behind it. Both the Democrats and the Republicans in America have done that at various times since the Civil War, and there is nothing intrinsically hopeless about such a task in Britain. Mrs Thatcher herself implied this the other day when she said that "the Labour Party will not die; it will metamorphose".

Nevertheless this campaign has demonstrated more clearly than ever before that a decade's progressive process of decay has now affected the higher faculties of the Labour Party and paralysis is so far advanced that Labour must either find a miracle cure in the next four years or it will probably cease to be the main opposition party in this country.

It is tempting, naturally, to put the current failure down to Mr Foot's shambolic, unstuck appearance, or Mr Healey's apoplectic gaffes or (going back a bit further), to the Militant controversy and the amazing idiocies contained amid some perfectly sensible policies in the Labour platform. But one has to ask how these things have come about.

First came the blurring of the boundaries of what used to be called the working class. Then that working class gradually ceased to feel automatic loyalty to Labour as the

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engine of social and financial advancement. There followed boredom at constituency level, sclerosis in the trade union movement and frustration in Parliament. The activists took over the grass roots, the ostriches took over at West minster.

Power has been the name of the Labour Party's game for the last decade – a power struggle within the party and the enjoyment of government for its own sake by its leaders. No one has been able or has even really tried to redefine national goals for a progressive party in terms that a changing class constituency can feel is relevant. This is what is losing Labour the election.

This does not mean that the vote for Mrs Thatcher has been an entirely negative one. On the contrary, she has fought a nearly faultless campaign. But it is the business of oppositions to force mistakes at election time. To put it bluntly, Mrs Thatcher has been allowed to get away with it. She has never been obliged to spell out her own policies for the future, which still remain shrouded in obscurity, and, above all, she has never been thrown on to the defensive (except momentarily by Sir Robin Day) about unemployment. Labour, the party of union militancy and profligate inefficiency, has been in no position to put the questions.

The result of this was charted vividly in the Harris Opinion Poll in *The Observer* last Sunday. It appears from this that more people in the country believe Labour's policies would reduce unemployment than believe Conservative policies would. More voters, over all, even believed that Labour would be better for their kind of person than the Conservatives. But more have come to the conclusion that the Conservatives would govern "for the good of the country".

There is no way of interpreting these figures other than as an indication that Labour's campaign has completely failed. The majority of the British people evidently believe that unemployment is good for us, or is at worst a visitation upon us for past sins. Once this self-flagellating mood prevails, the stage is set for the grand entrance of Mrs Thatcher and her "strength through suffering, hope through horror" banner. And when these slogans are accepted, normal assumptions go out of the window and a weird, Alice in Wonderland logic takes their place. Every fresh person thrown out of work becomes a new gauge of optimism and every Labour cry of outrage or despair is, as it were, hijacked instantly to support the Conservative case.

I wrote three weeks ago that the British voters had got their answers more or less "right" since the war, and the question is whether this is one of their "off" years. The humiliation of the old Labour Party can plausibly be said to be the electorate's historic task this time, and since our present constitutional arrangements will not allow this to

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be achieved at this stage without a sizeable Conservative majority, even those who do not like Mrs Thatcher and her masochist triumphalism may well regard her victory as a price worth paying.

The trick, however, will be to ensure in the process the preservation of enough of the Alliance party to allow them to consolidate during the next parliament and to take over the torch of moderate opposition if a new Labour Party finally fails to pick it up. This requires the miraculously fine tuning of a very coarse system, but I shall not be surprised on Friday morning to discover that in their wonderful and mysterious way the voters have done it again.

The true way to break the mould

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Jock Bruce-Gardyne

I suppose it's because for the first time in 20 years I have not been personally in the race, but it does seem to have dragged on a bit. Part of the trouble, obviously, has been that it has always looked like a one-horse affair. But what with the Saatchis' knocking copy, and Labour's descent into parrot-like expletives, and the preoccupation of both the main opposition groups with the delicate task of placing daggers between their own respective leaders' shoulder blades, it has hardly been a vintage campaign, has it?

Now, however, is the moment to stand up and be counted. So I shall say why I shall be voting Tory (apart from the fact that it would presumably rather spoil the symmetry of this series if I were to announce an intention to do otherwise). I shan't be voting Tory first and foremost because I believe that Labour's programme of detachment from our final means of self-defence, withdrawal from the European Community into penurious isolation and indulgence in Latin American style hyper-inflation is far, far too hazardous to permit the luxury of doing anything else – though I do. I shan't be voting Tory because the determination of the Lib-Lab. Alliance to plunge us into another head-on confrontation with the union leadership by attempting yet again to put collective bargaining in the freezer is plain suicidal – though it is.

Nor shall I be voting Tory first and foremost because I believe that the outgoing administration has been the first to give this country a sense of confidence in its destiny for many a long year, or because it has been the first for 20 years to attend to the cure of the root causes of the inflation malignancy. Having been a witness to the remarkable transformation which de Gaulle achieved in the performance of the French nation 30 years ago by giving back to the French their confidence, I certainly do not underestimate the importance of the first of these considerations for a Tory vote. And having had a walk-on part in the application of the inflation cure these last 18 months I naturally attach a lot of weight to its continuance.

But in the end what counts, I think, is not what a party has performed in office, or what it promises to do in future, so much as what it enables the rest of us to do. Mrs Thatcher's real achievement, in my book, is that she has weaned us from the fatuous illusion that government can somehow substitute for individual performance.

My generation grew up in an environment in which governments, regardless of party label, claimed to be able by their comparatively superior wisdom to guarantee full employment and a more swiftly growing economy. Because we cannot hope to be a self-sufficient nation, they were always doomed to failure: competitiveness in international trade is not in the gift of gentlemen in Whitehall. So we lost markets. And as successive administrations attempted to compensate for lost competitiveness by debasement of the currency, inflation also gathered momentum.

Then, in a forlorn attempt to catch up on inflation, they tried to usurp the role of management in fixing prices and dividends, negotiating wages, and allocating investment. Since they never had, and – thank God – never would obtain a mandate for an east European-style command economy, it could only end in tears.

Mrs Thatcher has truly "broken the mould". She has returned to management the responsibility to manage. She has restored to the shopfloor the right to insist that those who negotiate on its behalf take cognisance of the consequence of their actions for employment. It has been a painful process – shedding *comforting illusions* is always going to be that but it has been truly indispensable.

There is still a long way to go. The convention that the public sector exists for the benefit of those who work in it is still too deeply engrained. The next administration will need ministers who see themselves as answerable to the consumer rather than their departmental empire-builders. For only as we shrink the sumptuary expenditures of state can we restore the vitality of the wealth creators and the market venturers. There is no guarantee that the next Tory administration will complete the cure. But that any other would abandon it is a cast-iron certainty. That is the clinching argument for me.

The author, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, was Conservative MP for Knutsford. He is not seeking re-election.

Paul Barry on the public inquiry that may become another flying circus



AGAINST: Protesters such as Connie Hunt, above, fear that what starts as a small airstrip may turn into a giant airport



TOUCHDOWN: Dash 7 planes like this one, shown landing on the site last year, are quiet enough to be operated in cities, say the airport's backers

Should the next airport land in the middle of London?

At 10 o'clock this morning, battle commences in what could become an ugly fight to build London's third airport. But the scene is not Stansted, where a public inquiry has already been in progress for many months. This airport would be right in the heart of London – to be precise on the site of the now-closed Royal Albert Docks.

The public inquiry that starts today is expected to last 10 weeks. On one side will be the construction company John Mowlem, which wants to build the airport: Brymon Airways, a small Plymouth airline which would run it jointly with Mowlem, and the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) which makes no secret of its support for the airport proposal. On the other will a vociferous bunch of local residents backed by the Labour-controlled Greater London Council and Newham Borough Council.

The inquiry may mark only the start of the battle. Mrs Connie Hunt, leader of Campaign Against the Airport, says: "If the inquiry gives the airport the go-ahead we'll do everythig we can to sabotage it. We'll sit in the way of the workmen, we'll even camp on the runway. No way are we going to have an airport here."

Approval for an airport bang in the middle of London might appear to be as likely as a landslide victory for the Labour Party tomorrow, but this airport has a strong chance of winning through. First, an opinion poll taken in April for Newham Borough Council shows that twice as many locals are in favour of the airport as are against it. Second, it has the backing of the local planning authority, the LDDC, and, implicitly, the Tory Government, which created the LDDC to revitalize the area. Third, this is an airport with a difference, it is a Stolport.

In layman's terms, Stolport means that the airport will be using planes that take off and land steeply, thus spreading their noise over a small area. The would- be airport operators, Mowlem and Brymon Airways, plan to use Canadian-built Dash 7 aircraft, which are already operating at Stolports in Toronto and Ottawa. These planes are particularly quiet, as even opponents of the docklands airport admit.

An airport in docklands would thus be nothing like Heathrow where the noise stretches about 200 miles from north to south and 30 miles from east to west. In docklands, the noise area would be only two miles long by 600 yards wide and, in addition, peak noise levels would be far lower. By the Government's scale of measurement, they will not even constitute a "moderate noise nuisance" to local residents.

Yet any noise is bad enough according to the Campaign Against the Airport. Members fear the operators will use aircraft noisier than the Dash 7 and that the airport will be such a success that it will be used far more than the applicants now say.

In reply, Mowlem and Brymon state that they are quite happy to accept restrictions on the airport's use by, for example, limiting aircraft movements to one every 10 minutes (as against one a minute at Heathrow) and agreeing not to use planes noisier than the Dash 7. But their opponents believe that commercial pressure would lead to such promises being broken.

There is one point on which protesters and proponents agree: the airport is likely to be a great commercial success. The plans envisage that it would ultimately carry one million passengers a year on short-haul routes in Britain and Europe. Mowlem and Brymon have already made applications to fly routes to Manchester, Plymouth and the Channel Islands in Britain, plus Paris, Brussels, Rotterdam, Amsterdam and Frankfurt. They are also considering other British cities.

On routes like these they would reckon to offer time savings of around 30 per cent for the business traveller. To anyone based in the City of London, the advantages are obvious: no more fighting through rush-hour traffic for an hour or more to get to Heathrow. And the



FOR: Bill Bryce, chairman of Brymon Airways, says the scheme could be the best thing ever to happen to the disused docks

Stolport's operators hope to add another one: reduced waiting time by using buses as mobile check-ins. These "stolmobiles" are already used with great success in Ottawa and Toronto.

The protesters fear that an airport with these advantages would prove so popular that there would be great pressure to expand – that approval for limited use would be the thin end of the wedge to a huge airport on their doorstep. The applicants' answer to this is that the small size of the site, effectively on a concrete pier between two existing docks, is a guarantee that the airport could never carry more than a million passengers a year.

The Stolport proponents promise jobs–some 750 to run the airlines, plus support services like catering, and unquantified number of spin-off jobs brought by the catalytic effect it will have in attracting industry. "Airports are great creators of jobs", says Philip Beck, chairman of Mowlem. "You only have to look at Gatwick and Heathrow to see that." Bill Bryce of Brymon adds: "This could be the best thing that ever happened to dockland."

But the Campaign is still unconvinced, particularly by one report from consultants hired by the LDDC, that the Stolport will create 5,000 jobs in the area. Mrs Hunt says: "Businessmen won't spend any money here. They'll get off the plane and get straight on the bus to the City. In fact, the Stolport will destroy jobs. There are 900 people working on the site now who will lose their jobs if this airport goes ahead because they'll have to demolish the buildings they're working in."

The GLC and Newham council also doubt whether the airport will create many jobs, and have based their opposition on this, plus their belief that there are better uses for the site, as laid down in the Dockland Strategic Plan. Both organizations have given sizable grants to the Campaign. But the pro-Stolport lobby says the councils' opposition to the project also has a political foundation, based on their hearty dislike of the LDDC.

It was set up by Michael Heseltine in 1981 and has assumed the planning role that used to rest with the local councils, which an observer said, " hate the LDDC and would do anything to make sure it isn't a success." But the LDDC has the backing of the Government and it seems likely that if reelected it would be keen to accept its schemes if the planning inquiry gives it room to do so.

Today's inquiry is only the first hurdle for the Stolport backers. They will also have to convince the Civil Aviation Authority that the airport should be allowed to go ahead, and then persuade it that Brymon should be allocated the routes it wants. But the backers are already convinced that the CAA has no objection to the project and that a Conservative minister for aviation would look kindly on the aspirations of an independent and buccaneering airline like Brymon. As for problems of air traffic control, Mowlem is parading as its star witness Air Marshall Sir Ivor Broom, former controller of Britain's national air traffic system.

Both Mowlem and Brymon believe their airport plan will be approved. If they didn't, Mowlem says, they would not now be embarking on an expensive process of putting their case to a public inquiry.

"The opposition is a shambles," Bill Bryce says. "We've given them 12 months' notice of our plans and they're still crying for more time. I don't believe there is one valid objection that could prevent this from going ahead."

Perhaps not, but Connie Hunt would hardly agree. "This airport is just for the business people. It will do nothing for dockland. The opposition has snowballed. If this decision goes against us, don't think you've heard the end of it. That will just be the beginning."

James Curran

Freedom for youth –to be unemployed

David Murray usually gets up around 11 o'clock in the morning, and at midday wanders down to the amusement arcade at the centre of Sheffield. In the afternoon, he sometimes calls at his girl friend's workplace for a chat. His favourite haunt in the evenings is a youth club, the Spring Street Project.

Aged 22, he has completed five YOP schemes and wants a proper job. But the last of many he has applied for – as a general labourer – had more than 200 applicants and he did not get it. The experience of not getting anywhere, not doing anything, being rejected, has left a mark that his skinhead hairstyle and wry manner only partly conceal. Being out of work in a Thatcherite climate of opinion implies personal shortcomings – an inability to rise to the occasion and mount your bike to mend Mr Tebbit's garden gates or, simply and more nastily, a lack of marketable talent. "Even my brother who was really brainy at school", said David defensively, "is in part-time work". Not having your own pay packet brings with it humiliations – "My girlfriend buys all my clothes", he told me awkwardly.

There are now 1,226,000 people under 25 who are out of work. Their prospects of finding regular work are, in most cases, bleak if Margaret Thatcher is reelected. The forecasters with the best record for accuracy, the Cambridge Economic Policy Group, predict that the total number of jobless will rise to between 3.7 and 4.2 million by 1988, and will continue to five million by the early 1990s, if government policies remain unchanged.

The reality of what is happening to young people in Britain is in contrast to the banner proclaiming "Britain's Youth – Strong and Free" that adorned the Young Conservatives rally on Sunday. But then, Thatcherism is a mobilizing force that cuts across and displaces what is happening in the real world, supplanting it with spurious images that feed off nationalism and traditional morality.

"Today has put the Great back in Britain", declared Margaret Thatcher when an ill-led, bedraggled conscript army surrendered at Port Stanley. The same resolute spirit, we are led to believe, can also restore the British economy.

All that is needed, the Good Housekeeper tells us, is for us to mend our ways and accept the tough medicine that is our (though she really means their) due. We must stop living off borrowed time, and we must say firmly "no" to the spendthrift, profligate plans in Labour's manifest, in her opinion "the most terrifying extreme manifesto to be produced in 50 years".

Ironically, as those of you who have read Labour's manifesto will know, it is inspired by Keynes rather than Marx. Its aim is to make the mixed economy work rather than to replace it. And its strategy for doing this is one that has succeeded in maintaining near-full employment in Britain for 40 years. Where the same demand management has been practised successfully abroad, in Sweden, Norway and Austria, unemployment is still less than a quarter of what it is here and inflation is in single figures.

Labour's programme will get the economy moving by increasing public spending and investment in a way that goes mainly into industry and jobs. A national investment bank will provide long-term loans for industry, channelling profits from North Sea oil and the under-used resources of pension funds (by guaranteeing an attractive rate of return, not by coercion). Exchange rate controls will be restored to make available for domestic investment capital that is currently haemorrhaging abroad at a rate of £10,000m a year.

And import quotas and tariffs will be introduced, if necessary, to prevent expansion from being halted by an unsustainable trade deficit. These will be introduced not as protectionist devices with which to beggar our neighbours but as a means of maintaining a growth of domestic demand which it is in the interests of our competitors to sustain.

Far from being profligate, Labour's plans entail an increase of public spending from £8,000m to £14,000m. This would increase public borrowing as a proportion of national income to about 4½ per cent – the average level of industrial countries and lower than the level of the Thatcher government's first two years in office.

Allegations that Labour's plans would lead to runaway inflation are equally misplaced. They include measures to cut costs, such as the abolition of the national insurance surcharge and reduction of VAT; and the establishment of price controls to prevent major companies from exploiting an expanding market by excessively hiking up prices. Its national economic assesment machinery represents a sophisticated and sensible way of building social consent for the allocation of resources in all forms including, crucially, incomes. This is infinitely preferable to allocating the surplus generated by growth than the restraint induced by mass unemployment.

If Keynes were alive today to read Labour's moderate, Keynesian programme I have no doubt that he would vote for it with the same passionate conviction that he devoted to routing the "good housekeepers" of the past.

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ALL THEIR TOMORROWS

Before its late surge in the closing days of the campaign the Alliance election strategy had suffered from a number of drawbacks. First of all its starting position contrasted bleakly with the euphoric results of Crosby, Croydon and Bermondsey (even Hillhead was won on a declining trend). Secondly the Alliance phenomenon has always been something of a pollster's dream. It owes its existence to three or four aberrant by-elections while the great majority of Labour defectors in the Commons felt that it would be more prudent to sit tight and not put their change of allegiance to the test of their original electors. The latest polling, incidentally, suggests that a majority of their constituents think that they were wrong to do so.

Thirdly the SDP's origins, and the Liberal revival, derived their spectacular successes more from the apparent failure of the two parties – Thatcherism of the right, Stalinism of the left – than any flowering of a creative new blend of policy in the centre. As Professor Ralph Dahrendorf had earlier remarked rather unkindly of the policies of social democracy: "They promise a better yesterday". The Alliance programme is a worthy compilation of much that has been tried, half-tried or at least seriously considered over the last political generation. But the voters apparently have less idea of these policies than those of the two main parties.

There are more difficulties than that about the policies which the Alliance has put before the electorate. The manifesto is described as a programme for Government. It has not been tested much on the anvil of election argument, partly because the two large parties have been more concerned with each other until the polls suggested they should insure against third party risk. Yet the gap between the nuclear philosophies of the two parts of the Alliance is almost as wide as that between left and right in the Labour Party. Yesterday, for the first time, that showed.

A programme for government cannot afford to be so imprecise and unresolved on that most important and dangerous of all issues. But there are other areas of incoherence or contradiction. The Alliance's income policy is untried, elaborate and a product of laboratory politics rather than the real rough and tumble world of public sector bargaining and the play of the private sector labour market. Council house sales are given with one hand and taken away with the other. Taxation policy, though creditable, is hardly a programme for any Government in the next parliament, given the unreadiness of the Inland Revenue service for such major change. Above all, too there has been the difficulty of a dual leadership and the intra-party tension which that has created.

However, even if the manifesto has promised a programme for government with a prime minister designate to go with it, it is not fair to judge the Alliance campaign solely on its credibility as an alternative government, since that was never very likely. The movement of opinion polls now at least seems to show that it should be assessed on its merits as an alternative opposition. In that case, at last the Alliance has been brought face to face with its real opportunity. It was always dangerous to have its head turned by so much previous statistical volatility in the opinion polls – or even in by-election successes – into believing that the Alliance was ready to succeed the Conservatives as the next Government. Its only hope, historically, was to emerge from a bitter struggle with the Labour Party as the more viable governmental party of the left.

Today's position, moreover, has been brought about by two things which owe nothing to the behaviour of Alliance leaders, even in campaigning. The Alliance figure in the polls remained fairly static for the first two weeks until Labour's troubles broke and the Conservatives appeared to be impregnable. Only then, in the context of a likely Tory landslide and the humiliation of a dispirited Labour Party did the Alliance find its true purpose. That actually offers a much better long-term prospect of consolidation as the opposition grouping on the left than ever a hung parliament would. A hung parliament would presume a defeated but structurally undented Labour Party which would therefore retain much greater governability about it than a small Alliance component holding the balance between the two main parties.

The Alliance set out to break the mould of British politics. There were always two ways for that to happen. One was for the Alliance to benefit from a hung parliament by using its bargaining position to extract some variant of proportional voting as the price of support to any larger grouping hoping to form a government. That was always the lesser probability, not least because it would have led to permanent coalition politics in Britain. That is not a system which is likely to commend itself to a policy reared on and at home with the two party system, particularly when that system has shown this century that it can satisfactorily accommodate the replacement of one of those parties by a new one.

The other way was for the Alliance to profit from a Tory landslide, reducing the Labour Party to a shadow of its former self. That may in turn induce the Trade Union movement to reconsider the merits of maintaining its link with a historic, though now ineffective, parliamentary protegee.

In that the Alliance starts with a built-in disadvantage. It is not just that the gang of four, and their co-defectors, have fought that battle once already within the Labour Party and lost it. Nor is it just that their Liberal allies do not give the impression of being a party which is really serious about government. There seems to be a general and unhealthy obsession with opinion polls rather than with the stuff of policies.

Beyond that, this new grouping in British politics has yet to establish a coalition of forces which represents something definite in British society. There is no obvious social base. There is no sense of great corporations in the wings. The Alliance leaders make a virtue of this freedom from such associations, but from the point of view of power it is a political weakness. A political sapling with such shallow roots will find it hard to withstand the wind of history when it blows, and in politics it often blows like a hurricane. In this campaign the Alliance has come far to discard the atmosphere of "a better yesterday". But it may have to face many more tomorrows on its way to power.

WAR OF WORDS OF WAR

It is exceedingly provoking for Labour candidates in this campaign that the apparently impregnable ascendancy of the Prime Minister should be traceable to a war of which many of them for one reason or another disapproved. The Conservatives have made an electioneering virtue of abstaining from what they had no need to do – thrust that chapter in the life of the government and nation in front of the electorate. The Falklands expedition is there, a large political fact, fresh in the memory, working like leaven in the Tory loaf. The only way, in fact, in which the Conservatives might have thrown away some of that advantage was by making an exhibition of it. Some of the party's candidates have been making more of it in their constituency campaigns than others, but no Conservative campaigner with access to a nation-wide public address system has sought to stir those anyway active memories.

The war itself was equally plainly out of bounds to the opposition parties. There might have been something to be made, though little has been made, of future policy towards the islands and towards Argentina; but the campaign itself, as ground from which to assault the Government or the Prime Minister in particular, was as mine-strewn as the environs of Stanley after liberation.

The Alliance has been scrupulously prudent. So was Labour until Mr Kinnock and Mr Healey blundered in. Mr Kinnock's first reference was to the sinking of the Belgrano. That was in reasonably measured terms and detonated no explosion. But as an election thrust it was worse than useless. There are sharp questions to be answered about that episode, but they are not the sort that get an answer on the hustings. As it was, his sally merely reminded people of the naval action in the South Atlantic, a general cause of pride; and as for the Belgrano: she was at sea, was she not, hostilities had opened, she was escorted, she was a potential threat to the seaborne expeditionary force . . . for most people, including most of those whose vote Mr Kinnock might hope to attract, that is reason enough for the sinking, no matter about speculation that another course might have averted a war that was briefly fought and brilliantly won.

Mr Healey's "she gloried in slaughter" and Mr Kinnock's "guts on the ground" are cries of exasperation of a different order, a wish to wound. Neither Mr Healey's half withdrawal nor Mr Kinnock's laboured explanation to the relatives of the dead that he meant no offence to them, exclusively to Mrs Thatcher, can efface the effect of their exuberance. And the effect is to contribute to the catalogue of self-inflicted injuries that have disabled the Labour Party for this election.

For most British people then and even more in retrospect, once the Falklands were seized by Argentina it was necessary to fight for their recovery; the expedition brought glory on the armed services and credit on the Government that mounted it; the whole episode, suffused by victory, reflected well on Britain in resolution and execution. That national experience as much as anything has put the Prime Minister beyond the reach of her political adversaries in this election, and it persists to smother those who would wound her on account of it.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE SHADOWS

Like the rest of Whitehall, the secret services have a general election drill. The Secret Intelligence Service, MI6, prepares analyses of world trouble spots ready to brief new ministers. The Director-General of the Security Service, MI5, dusts off his files on politicians whom the victorious party leader might wish to appoint to ministerial posts. A fast, discreet, unacknowledged system exists for warning the Prime Minister of any compromising material held by MI5 on MPs or peers which might affect their fitness for office.

The guardians of national security will remember the 1983 general election for another reason. For the first time since the secret services were founded in the Edwardian era they have become an issue between the parties. The Labour manifesto pledges a reform in the shape of a Security Act to regulate the clandestine agencies and a parliamentary select committee to monitor them. Behind the single paragraph on the security services in the party's programme lies an 80-page report published by Labour's National Executive entitled *Freedom and the Security Services*.

The document is the object of some private scorn among the Whitehall intelligence community. They believe it is based on a blend of gossip, half-truth and misrepresentation; that it ignores the existing oversight system operated on behalf of the Prime Minister by the security and intelligence secretariat of the Cabinet Office; not to mention the effect such a reform would have on Britain's allies and the degree to which it would weaken defences against Soviet penetration.

Yet the intelligence community is not monolithic in its view of the practicability or desirability of change in the accountability of their secret world. The gatherers, the men of MI5, MI6 and the Government Communications Headquarters, rest their case on the traditional maxim that to remain effective and secure the secret services must remain just that, secret. They represent the party of no change under any circumstances. The middlemen, the intelligence assessors co-ordinators and budget controllers, mainly located in the Cabinet Office, tend to err on the side of caution and, if pressed, would side with the gatherers. But the customers, senior officials in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Home Office, the Ministry of Defence, take a more reformist line.

They could live with an element of Parliamentary oversight, though not in the form proposed by Labour. They recommend a compromise – a select committee of Privy Counsellors modelled on the Franks team which investigated the origins of the Falklands War. Would it not be prudent for a Conservative administration devoted to the maintenance of national security, preferably on the foundation of bipartisanship between the parties, to construct a system of scrutiny which would command the support of all but a few on the hard left? Conservative rule, unlike the need for security and intelligence, will not be perpetual. The issue is too serious to be left at the mercy of faction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Last-minute reflections on general election issues

From Mr Martin Hasseck

Sir, What would our reaction be here in Britain if, prior to an address at a rally in Moscow by Mr Andropov, attended by 25,000 "foot-stamping, flag-waving, horn blowing" (report, June 6) young communists, one of the entertainers remarked: "Let's bomb Britain" and this display was shown nationally on the Soviet Union television network?

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN HASSECK,
104 Holders Hill Road, NW4.
June 6.

From Mr A. R. Isserlis

Sir, To Baroness Sharp's affectionate admirers there was delicious irony in her letter on June 3. She first rebuked Mrs Thatcher for an alleged tendency to be dictatorial. And then in effect she commended as *non*-dictatorial an Alliance led by Mrs Williams (who sought to force all schools into one mould irrespective of official advice or local or parental wishes); Dr Owen (who was a petulant hectorer both in the NHS and in the Foreign Office); Mr Jenkins (a successful proponent of state dictatorship on racial grounds over the freedom of employers to hire or not hire whom they choose); and Mr Steele (an as yet unsuccessful proponent of state dictatorship over the freedom of employers to pay their workforce what the market justifies).

In fact, if these particular power-seekers are any guide, an Alliance or Alliance-influenced government would be just as dictatorial as a Labour one – though perhaps initially, like the Mensheviks, in a more genteely futile way. Conservatives by contrast seek to reduce the areas that *any* government has power to be dictatorial about.

Our first woman Prime Minister does indeed have a reputation for being firm and sometimes abrasive. So did our first woman permanent secretary. But would that have been held against them if they had been men?

Yours faithfully,
A. R. ISSERLIS,
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Upton,
Burford,
Oxfordshire.
June 6.

From Mr C. L. Fox

Sir, Lady Sharp (June 3) is mistaken. The parliamentary democracy we have had since the last war is not the sort of government that we, or our ancestors, fought for. We have had in those years a succession of politicians who have been far too ready to let power pass to those without responsibility, namely the trade unions and the Civil Service. (I do not expect Lady Sharp to agree as regards the latter.) such manoeuvres, to one of my age, are reminiscent of those who brought France to her knees in 1940.

We now have a prime minister who has the ability, the courage, and the drive to attempt to change all that; one moreover who has the habit, rare in post-1945 Westminster, of placing her country before her party or herself. It would seem that the electorate – or a goodly part of it – has at last realized her quality.

Yours sincerely,
C. L. FOX,
Heatherbrow.
The Ridges,
Finchampstead,
Berkshire.

From Professor Peter Self

Sir, Thinking about this election, the analogy with the 1930s is all too close. The dominant paradigm, to which Mrs Thatcher fully subscribes, is one of sacrificing everything else in the cause of more effective international economic and military competition. Since most other governments are doing the same (although not always so ruthlessly) the likely result under present world conditions will be the mutual export of unemployment and economic disruption, followed by war, which may or may not be terminal.

If and when the dust clears we shall discover the values now neglected; the new importance of environmental conservation, the desirability of controlling technology for the sake of more stability and humanism, the value of local community life and local democracy, the imperative of being generous to the unfortunate, and that other imperative of taking risks for the cause of peace, not the chimera of superior destructive power.

Among the Thatcherites there seems only an unimaginative contempt for these values. On the left there is still too little realization of the policies and sacrifices which these values will entail, yet at least there is some glimpse of the way to a saner future.

Yours etc,
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From Mr Peter J. Lord Smith

Sir, It is surely significant that on Sunday 15,000-20,000 attended the People's March for Jobs, whilst nearly 20 times that number went to Stansted Airport to see the space shuttle, Enterprise.

Yours truly,
PETER J. LORD SMITH,
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Prestbury,
Cheltenham Spa,
Gloucestershire.
June 6.

From Mr George Scales

Sir, Mr Foot, Mr Healey and others rightly claim that a Labour government put $3\frac{1}{2}$ million back to work during its term of office immediately after World War Two. They add: "We did it once – we can do it again."

Farmers during that period, of which I was one, were invited to put their names into a hat, at farm machinery public auction sales, for the privilege of paying the new price for a second-hand machine. Such was the shortage.

Today, tractor manufacturers are offering up to $27\frac{1}{2}$ per cent discount on a brand new model.

Although the statement made by the politicians is true, the inference is non-sequitur.

Yours truly,
GEORGE SCALES,
Scales (Farms) Limited,
Cobblers Pieces,
Abbess Roding,
Ongar,
Essex.
June 5.

From Miss Caroline Hobhouse

Sir, This bizarre and in many ways distastful election has one redeeming feature. It offers for the first time for many years a genuine incentive to the reluctant or undecided voter in a constituency without an established, effective and experienced sitting member to vote for the candidate who, regardless of party, can best be relied upon to represent the interests of the constituency and to work effectively towards solving any particular social, economic or environmental problems affecting those who live there.

Parliament would be a better place if there were fewer carpet-baggers, absentee backbenchers and "token resident" members, and more genuinely regional – and ethnic minority – members.

If every floating voter votes on Thursday for candidate rather than party the results could be interesting indeed.

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE HOBHOUSE,
19 Campden Grove, W8.

From Mr George Warr

Sir, I was pleased to see that on June 3 the important issues continued to dominate your columns.

I refer, of course, to your science report on the blood temperature of the giant squid and your no less illuminating archaeological researches into the composition of Roman faeces.

Congratulations on raising and broadening the level of debate in this campaign.

Yours faithfully,
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Charitable functions

From the Chairman of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations

Sir, May I return to the matter I raised with you in my letter of April 15? This is the vexed question of "political activity" by charities.

I argued then that charitable voluntary organisations should be acknowledged to have a right to contribute to debates on public policy and administration, but not to seek to influence the electoral process in favour of, or against, any person or party.

We are now nearing the end of an election campaign. This national council has been heartened by the recognition accorded to the voluntary sector by the Conservative and Labour parties and by the Alliance in their manifestos. What is less clear, however, is their attitudes toward voluntary bodies as contributors to the formation of policies and programmes.

Our free society needs fresh ideas and original perspectives from as many different independent sources as possible; and voluntary bodies are specially well placed to contribute from their own experience in their particular fields. They have nothing to say about parties and elections. They have much to offer on problems and policies.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that whatever the political complexion of the next government, it will not merely recognise this particular role, but will also encourage it.

Yours etc,
PETER JAY, Chairman,
National Council for Voluntary Organisations,
26 Bedford Square, WC1.

Housing needs

From the General Secretary of the Labour Party

Sir, Your leader, "House-proud politics" (May 30), fails to understand Labour's housing policies.

We believe in catering for the needs of those who want or need to rent and those who want to own. Promotion of one tenure at the expense of another, as is being done through compulsory sales, doubling rents and large discounts, is irresponsible. It is not only the badly-housed, the homeless and young couples who suffer, but those who buy who cannot really afford the repayments or the cost of repairs.

Our housing policies seek to break down the rigid and socially disfiguring divide between tenures. The public rented and owner-occupied sectors should co-exist on a basis of equal social esteem. Equal treatment will make it much easier for households to move between tenures as their needs and preferences change.

A key element to achieving equality of esteem is to provide the right quantity and quality of housing. Our proposals to boost housebuilding will help begin to overcome the shortage and deteriorating quality of the stock to which your report on Shelter's fears draws attention.

That boost will help start a real revival in the construction industry, generating economic recovery in other parts of the economy and, therefore, getting people back to work.

The letter from Bruce Chivers in the same issue illustrates the short-sighted views of some construction industry representatives. They have not learnt the folly of helping to defeat Labour in May, 1979. The repayment has been in slashed construction output. Private construction firms can only benefit from the expanding economy that Labour will create.

Yours faithfully,
J. E. MORTIMER,
General Secretary,
The Labour Party,
150 Walworth Road, SE17.
June 5.

From Mr Nick Bosanquet, candidate for Slough (SDP/Liberal Alliance)

Sir, Your leader on Monday (May 30) did far less than justice to Alliance housing policy. In the short term we are calling for an increase in investment on orthodox lines. But there can be no progress in the longer term without a new balance between public and private initiative in housing.

The public sector has now got an impossible job – in trying to serve the housing demands of almost everybody who cannot afford to become an owner occupier. We now have a polarized market in which people can afford to become owner occupiers or somehow gain access to the public sector.

The public sector in its present form has not even managed to use such funds as it has got effectively. Much past investment has been in the wrong place and of the wrong type.

We want to encourage owner occupation: but even on the most favourable terms this is not going to be the solution for more than 65 per cent of households. For those who seek other kinds of housing, we must create a greater range of providers.

This is why the SDP's Green Paper spelled out a detailed plan for a social housing bank, which would borrow money on market terms from building societies for onward lending to housing associations. This new kind of social housing would require an element of subsidy at the start but would be a big step away from the illusion that the old-fashioned public sector can take all the responsibility.

Yours faithfully,
NICK BOSANQUET,
SDP/Liberal Alliance Central Committee Rooms,
50 Herschel Street,
Slough,
Buckinghamshire.
May 31.

Military degrees

From Professor Alan James

Sir, It would be unfortunate if your report (June 3) of the Duke of Edinburgh's speech calling for degrees in military science gave the impression that the subject is ignored in Britain's universities and polytechnics. Degrees in international relations and war studies at both the undergraduate and post-graduate levels are now offered by a number of institutions and most of the topics mentioned by the Duke as appropriate for a military degree are already taught.

Moreover, those taking such courses quite often include serving officers. Experience at my own university, Keele, suggests that they not only enjoy the academic study of the international and military scenes but go back to the Services feeling much better fitted for their jobs.

However, it is cerainly the case that much more could be done in this area and it would seem wise to build on the strengths which already exist in our educational system. Some kind of formal recognition could be accorded to suitable degrees by the Ministry of Defence and those officers who secure them should be regarded as having taken a step forward in their careers; gaps in the syllabuses of such courses might be filled by the appointment of specially funded defence lecturers; and the Duke's interesting suggestion of "sandwich" courses should be explored.

But the prerequisite for such developments is the active cooperation of the Ministry of Defence and the acceptance within the Services of the idea that independent professional training is appropriate for those on whom the country's defence rests. Should the ministry indicate its willingness to discuss such matters I believe it would meet with a very positive response from those involved in higher education.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN JAMES, Chairman,
The British International Studies Association,
Department of International Relations,
University of Keele,
Staffordshire.
June 3.

On a clear day

From Mr Jeremy Brade

Sir, The Himalayan dawn that Group Captain Edwards describes (June 3) is undoubtedly beautiful but nevertheless far shorter than those in the Arctic, where the sun may spend a fascinating two or three hours rising above the mountains.

Sunset is equally lengthy and, if one is willing to bear the hordes of midges that emerge at dusk in central Alaska, the most abiding spectacle can be witnessed of the sun dropping behind Mount McKinley (reputedly the tallest mountain in the world from top to bottom, being some 16,000ft from summit to foothills) which is visible from a distance equivalent to that between London and Sheffield.

Shades of salmon pink outline the summit until darkness falls and the "Northern Lights" begin their shimmering display of colours in the night sky.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY BRADE,
St Catherine's College,
Oxford.
June 3.

Whose finger on the button?

From Professor Margaret Gowing, FBA

Sir, Sir William Dickson refers (June 2) to the "agreement reached between Mr Attlee and President Truman in 1951" as the key agreement on control of the use of American nuclear weapons for United Kingdom bases. It was not.

Truman did assure Attlee in December, 1950, that he regarded the bomb as a joint possession of the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada and that he would not authorise its use without prior consultation with the other two governments, save in extreme emergency, such as an attack on the United States which called for immediate retaliation.

This assurance provided for consultation, not consent, but was not restricted to the use of nuclear weapons from United Kingdom bases. There was no written agreement and the undertaking was not included in the communiqué of the meeting.

Meanwhile Secretary of State Dean Acheson had reminded the President that no commitment of any sort to anyone limited his duty and power under the law to authorise the use of atomic weapons if he believed it necessary in the defence of the country. The Americans would not accept a copy of the British record which included the assurance about consultation on the use of the bomb. In the last year of his life Acheson spoke admiringly on British television of Attlee's success in achieving the promise he sought and added: "We had to unachieve that".

In October, 1951, in the course of political-military talks in Washington, the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, drafted a formula saying that the use of the American air bases and facilities in the United Kingdom in an emergency "naturally remains a matter for joint decision in the light of the circumstances at the time". The United States National Security Council agreed to this and in December, 1951, the gist of the formula was given in the House of Commons by the new Prime Minister, Mr Churchill. The agreement covered only the United Kingdom bases.

It should be added that the Quebec Agreement of 1943 between the United States and the United Kingdom had included a clause, "we will not use [atomic weapons] against third parties without each other's consent". The clause was not restricted to United Kingdom bases and indeed, in accordance with it, British consent to the use of atomic bombs against Japan was duly requested and duly given.

This clause was, however, surrendered, without replacement, by the British in a new atomic agreement in January, 1948. The only person to question this surrender was the then Vice-Chief of the Air Staff, Sir William Dickson.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET GOWING,
History Faculty,
Indian Institute,
Broad Street,
Oxford,
June 3.

From Mr Patrick Allen

Sir, In her discussion with "Mr Day" on *Panorama* recently, Mrs Thatcher appeared to be saying we do not need "dual key" for cruise because we can trust the Americans and we do need Polaris because we can't. I trust someone in Central Office can sort this out.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK ALLEN,
42 Hawthorn Way,
Cambridge.

Last resort

From the Reverend John Ticehurst

Sir, The North Devon District Council has just published an advertisement telling the residents of Ilfracombe, Combe Martin, Lynton and Woolacombe (a total population in the winter of some 14,000, more than doubled in the holiday months) that the local nuclear air-raid shelter has been finished, in compliance with the 1979 Civil Defence Act.

Fewer than one in 100 of the permanent population will be able to get in, for it holds just 130 people. Those to be saved must write and say why they should be by June 10, which doesn't leave a lot of time for self-justification. Nor does it help those who may move to the area in the next 50 years or so.

I should like to think that the list of 130 will be published, together with the criteria used, when the list has been drawn up. Certainly it makes Abraham's intervention with the Almighty about Sodom (Genesis 18) seem straightforward.

I assume that those chosen will be any who can demonstrate that they can run a four-minute mile. Sadly, though, the distance from Woolacombe to Lynton is some 17 miles along narrow climbing roads. How are the new chosen people to make it to the ark?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TICEHURST,
The Manse,
1 Hughenden Road.
Weston-super-Mare,
Avon.

Holiday reading

From Mr William Golding

Sir, Why all this argument on what to take for holiday reading ("Saturday", May 28)? The whole question is settled for us by *The Bride's Handbook*:

Something old and something new,
Something borrowed and something blue.

Yours etcetera,
WILLIAM GOLDING,
Ebble Thatch, Bowerchalke,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
May 29.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 7: The Prime Minister of Australia and Mrs Hawke had the honour of being invited to luncheon with The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel, Grenadier Guards, this afternoon attended a Regimental Garden Party given by the 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards at Cavalry Barracks, Hounslow.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief of The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire) was present this evening at a Massed Bands Display by the Bands and Drums of the Regiment of The Prince of Wales's Division on the Horse Guards Parade.

Major the Hon Andrew Wigram was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, today attended the annual Ladies Luncheon of the Variety Club of Great Britain (Chief Barker, Mr Jarvis Astaire) at the Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, W1.

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by Mr John Jackson (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Brussels) at the State Funeral of Prince Charles, Count of Flanders, which was held in the Church of St Jacques-sur-Coudenberg, Brussels, this morning.

Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE

June 7: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, as Patron of the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Trust, this afternoon opened the Australian Studies Centre and the renovated premises of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies in Russell Square, WC1.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 7: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment and The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot), accompanied by The Princess of Wales, this evening took the Salute at a Massed Bands Display by the Bands and Drums of the Regiments of The Prince of Wales's Division on the Horse Guards Parade.

Major David Brombead and Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 7: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust, this afternoon attended a briefing for 1983 United Kingdom scholars at the Centre for European Agricultural Studies, Wye, Kent.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

June 7: Princess Alexandra Colonel-in-Chief of the 17th/21st Lancers, this afternoon received Colonel M. C. Watson upon relinquishing the appointment as Colonel of the Regiment and Brigadier J. W. Turner upon assuming this appointment.

There will be a requiem for the Rev Dr Eric Symes Abbott, former Dean of Westminster, in Westminster Abbey at 5 p.m. today.

A memorial service for Desmond Reid will be held today at noon in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

St John's College, Cambridge, May Ball will take place on Tuesday, June 14, 1983. Some tickets are still available from the ticket secretary.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. I. Broadbent and Miss E. J. Malins

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr Leslie Broadbent and the late Mrs Phyllis Broadbent, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs D. F. J. Malins, of Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire.

Mr A. P. St J. Quarry and Miss J. M. Wilkinson

The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr and Mrs R. B. St J. Quarry, of Odiham, Hampshire, and Judith, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. P. Wilkinson, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

Mr J. P. Rutherford and Miss S. J. Holt

The engagement is announced between John, son of Assistant Chief Constable and Mrs J. B. Rutherford, of Lewes, Sussex, and Susan, elder daughter of Commander E. J. W. Holt, RN, and Mrs Holt, of Odiham, Hampshire.

Mr M. S. Webber and Miss E. C. Jeffery.

The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. A. Webber, of Woodford Green, Essex, and Liz, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs I. M. E. Jeffery, of Chigwell, Essex.

Mr M. E. Townshend and Miss A. J. O'Flynn

The engagement is announced between Michael Edmund, son of Mr and Mrs P. E. Townshend, of Francis Field, Cranleigh, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. O'Flynn, of Upper House, Shamley Green.

Mr B. M. P. Naughton and Miss S. J. Chivers

The engagement is announced between Brendan, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel M. J. Naughton and of the late Mrs Naughton, of 27 Banstead Road, Ewell, Surrey, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Chivers, of Piper's Plot, Lockeridge, Wiltshire.

Mr M. C. Whatley and Miss G. M. Milles

The engagement is announced between Michael Christopher, son of Mrs Kathleen I. H. Whatley, of Muswell Hill, London, and the late Major E. R. Whatley, and Gillian, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Milles of Chandler's Ford, Hampshire.

Mr J. H. Whillis and Miss J. A. Jose

The engagement is announced between James Hamilton, elder son of Dr and Mrs Tony Whillis, of Lyndhurst, Hampshire, and Jacqueline Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Marshall Jose, of Theydon Bois, Essex.

Birthdays today

Sir William Barlow, 59; Lord Campbell of Croy, 62; Mr Michael Codron, 53; Dr F. H. C. Crick, 67; Earl Ferrers, 54; Mr Justice Glidewell, 59; Sir William Goode, 76; Sir James D. Hardy, 68; Mr Ray Illingworth, 51; Mr Alaric Jacob, 74; Sir Michael Levey, 56; Sir Joseph Luckhoo, 66; Sir Ian Morrow, 71; Mr A. J. Mottram, 63; Major-General William Odling, 74; Lord Pritchard, 73; Sir John Rothenstein, 82; Sir Julian Ridsdale, 68; Mr John Thompson, 55; Mr Derek Underwood, 38; Dame Anne Warburton, 56; Dr A. Williams, 62.

Salters' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Salters' Company for the ensuing year:

Master: Mr F Hicks. Upper Warden: Major C A Parr. Second Warden: Major Lord Robertson of Oakridge.

Belmont Abbey

As a result of the scholarship examinations, the following awards were made:

Scholarships: D J Slevin, Moor Park; G Watson, Buckfast; M Magee, Llanarth Court.

Exhibitions: S Blunt, Llanarth Court; N Bailey, Llanarth Court.

Uppingham School

The following scholarships and exhibitions have been awarded:

Academic scholarships: A C Norris, Edge Grove School; A J Woods, Bramcote, Scarborough; R Brown, Summer Fields; E W Haynes, Arnold Lodge; J C Wateridge, Bilton Grange.

Academic exhibitions: L J Hutchinson, Winchester House; J D Leigh Hunt, Arnold Lodge; C W Arrand, St Martin's, Norton; T C W Russell, St Hugh's, Woodhall Spa.

Music scholarships: T Guthrie, St John's College School, Cambridge; N F Woodcock, Swanbourne House; P J Nagy, [illegible]

Stonyhurst College

The following scholarships and exhibitions have been awarded:

Scholarships: [illegible] St Mary's Hall: Sebastian Greenall, St Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst: Jose Yermo, St John's, Beaumont: Sean Nash, St John's, Beaumont: Brendan de Caires, St Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst.

Exhibitions: Harry Ballin, St John's, Beaumont: Nicholas Morgan, Felsted Junior School.

Music Exhibitions: Damian Cardozo, St John's, Beaumont; Jonathan Holdsworth, St Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst; Christopher Weld, St John's, Beaumont.

Marriages

Mr C. Hely-Hutchinson and Miss E. Morton

The marriage took place yesterday at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, of Mr Colin Hely-Hutchinson, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Hely-Hutchinson, of 22 Kylestrome House, Cundy Street, London SW1, and of Miss Emma Morton, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Morton, of London and New York. Father John Formby officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Countess Corola Hoyos, Countess Cecily Hoyos, Sarah Wellesley-Wesley and David Wellesley-Wesley. Mr Nicholas Hely-Hutchinson, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was held at 30 Pavilion Road, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr C. A. Meldrum and Miss F. C. Foord

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 4, at St Mary's, Nettlestead, of Mr Colin Meldrum, of Ranelagh Gardens Mansions, Hurlingham, and Miss Fenella Foord, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Foord, of High Hall, Nettlestead. The Rev Robin Excell officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emma and Katherine Bailey and Juliet Quintin-Archard. Mr Trevor Bailey was best man.

Mr A. S. Wiggins and Miss C. M. Storer

The marriage took place at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Morpeth, Northumberland, on Saturday, June 4, between Mr Andrew Stephen Wiggins, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Wiggins, of Bath, and Miss Carolyn Mary Storer, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs Roy Storer, of Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne. The Rev Bruce le G Petfield officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Sheila Graham, matron of honour, and Miss Kate Hillman, bridesmaid. Lieutenant David Wiggins was best man.

Lieutenant-Commander C. B. Lutyens R.N. (retd) and Mrs I. Crawford

The blessing of the marriage of Lieutenant-Commander C. B. Lutyens, R.N. (retd) and Mrs Isma Crawford, took place at St Peter's, Soberton, on Wednesday, June 1.



Bird in the hand: Victoria Sanders, of Phillips, the auctioneers, with a snowy owl, one of 350 stuffed birds to be sold in London today (Photograph: Jonathan Player).

Sale room

Godmersham furniture may go

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

John Sunley, the property developer who spent £3m to acquire the Godmersham Park estate, near Canterbury, last week had his representative at Christie's sale of the house contents yesterday but has not proved a main buyer. In the course of a long hot morning he spent only £918 (estimate £400 to £600) to acquire a pretty little black and gold Regency toilet mirror, an oval with pendant husks embellishing the sides.

The new owner of the fine eighteenth century brick manor house set in its private valley, appears to be planning to refurnish without taking advantage of the auction of the previous owner's contents, in spite of the fact that Mrs Elsie Tritton had exceptionally fine taste and exceptionally fine furniture.

City Fine Arts of Pall Mall has been bidding for Mr Sunley, who only completed his acquisition of the house and estate last Thursday. He met his agents at the house during Sunday's thunderstorm to decide which of Mrs Tritton's treasures he could accommodate in the new regime.

He ignored the unusual opportunity to acquire fine eighteenth century European carpets that actually fitted the rooms, and the set of six 9ft neo-Classical mirror frames that formed part of the original eighteenth century white plasterwork decoration of the drawing room, which was remodelled in the 1930s. The main Sunley purchases have been mirrors. He spent £45,360 (estimate £25,000 to £35,000) on a magnificent pair of George II giltwood mirrors which Mrs Tritton bought for her saloon at the Duchess of Kent's sale at Christie's in 1947.

He also paid £7,020 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000) on a fine large George I giltwood mirror and £3,024 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) on a pair of George III oval giltwood mirrors. More practical was the acquisition of a George III Serpentine steel grate, that fits the fireplace in the saloon at £1,188 (estimate £800 to £1,200).

Peter Hood, the interior decorator, has been executing the Sunley bids on behalf of Malcolm Davidson of City Fine Arts. "I gather that Malcolm advised Mr Sunley that he could buy his furniture cheaper in London", he said yesterday.

The strong band of millionaires who arrived for Monday's sale and pushed up price levels had either stayed on yesterday or left bids for the out of the ordinary pieces, which again soared in price. There were some bargains however, especially among the run of the mill Chinese hard stones and porcelain.

The top price of the day was £19,440. This was achieved by two separate lots: a very pretty painting on glass of King George III and his family, copied in the eighteenth century from a Zoffany in the Royal Collection, which was bought by Blairmans (estimate £2,500 to £3,500) and a Louis XVI marquetry upright secretaire by Franz Rubestuck (estimate £8,000 to £10,000).

Among the exceptionally high prices was a Regency rosewood sofa table of beautiful colour but plain design which was bid to £17,000 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000). The day's auction added another £400,000 to the sale which continues for another two days.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr C. A. Whitmore, Permanent Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Admiralty House, given in honour of Mr W. B. Pritchett, Secretary, Department of Defence, Australia. Other guests were:

Major-General A Clunies-Ross, Air Chief Marshal Sir Douglas Lowe, Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Johnston, Mr C C [illegible]

Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution

The Duke of Northumberland, president, presided at the luncheon held yesterday at the Café Royal after the 123rd annual general meeting of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. The guest speaker was Lord Trefgarne, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Health and Social Security.

Lunchtime Comment Club

The Hon William Douglas-Home was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchtime Comment Club held yesterday. Mr Basil Evans, vice-chairman, presided.

Reception

HM Government

Earl Ferrers, Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, was the host at a reception held at Lancaster House yesterday on the occasion of the Nineteenth International Congress of the European Brewery Convention.

Dinners

Anglo-Swiss Society

The Anglo-Swiss Society gave a dinner at the Savoy Hotel last night to say farewell to the Swiss Ambassador and Mme Caillat. The Rev Lord Sandford, president, who was accompanied by Lady Sandford, was in the chair.

Fisher Society

The annual dinner of the Fisher Society was held at Jesus College, Cambridge, last night. Mr Alan Rooke, chairman of the society, presided. Among the guests were the Duke of Norfolk and the Archbishop of Birmingham.

Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers' Company

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies attended a dinner at the Merchant Taylors' Hall last night given by the Master, Major W. H. Wharfe, and Wardens of the Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers' Company. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Master, Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart Pringle and Mr L. C. Hunting, the Senior Warden. The Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company and Mrs Nourse and Wing Commander and Mrs G. Bunn were among those present.

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

The President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Mr W. H. Howarth, presided at a dinner held at the society's headquarters at 1, Lambeth High Street, yesterday. The chief guest and speaker was Dr Michael Linnett.

Cambridge president

Mr Julian Lloyd, of Fitzwilliam College and Bolton School, has been elected president of the Cambridge Union Society for the Michaelmas Term, 1983. He defeated Mr Timothy Curtis, of St John's College and King Edward School, by 236 votes to 214.

OBITUARY

HANS LEIP

Author of 'Lili Marleen'

Hans Leip, who died on June 6 at his home on Lake Constance in Switzerland aged 89, was the author of the poem "Lili Marleen" which, set to music by Norbert Schultze, was to become the song "Lilli Marlene", perhaps the most widely sung sentimental ballad sung by the armies – on both sides – in World War II.

Leip was an obscure fusilier serving in the German infantry in 1917 when he wrote the words of "Lili Marleen" and his modest production remained similarly obscure for the next twenty years until, in 1938, it was set to music by the German composer, Norbert Schultze. Schultze's version was hawked around over thirty German music publishers before it was accepted and even the first recording of it, in 1939, by Lale Andersen, sold only 700 copies and bade fair to sink, likewise, quietly into oblivion.

The song's meteoric rise to international trans-battleline popularity happened almost by accident in 1941 when, in a newly captured Belgrade radio studio set up to beam music to Panzerarmee Afrika, the disc jockeys found that they had no songs to transmit.

The corporal in charge of music selection was much struck by Lale Andersen's "Lilli Marlene" and though Goebbels himself made strenuous efforts to have the song proscribed, it was soon the rage in the Afrika Corps, as well as among their 8th Army opponents, besides being popular with the Italian and French armies.

The British version of the song, written in 25 minutes by the lyricist Tommy Connor, require a little "cleaning up", to satisfy the tastes of officialdom, the prostitute apparently hymned in Leip's original version becoming a girl something more akin to a sister or sweetheart, but the outrageous sentimentality of the result did not at all detract from its popularity either with the Desert Rats or at home, and the first recording in Britain by Anne Shelton sold a million copies effortlessly.

Leip, reprobating the universal assumption that the lady of the song was a prostitute always claimed that the original Lili Marleen was a composite of two girls, Lili and Marleen, whom he had encountered while on leave from the Kaiser's army, in Berlin, though, over the years he estimated that he had been approached by over 250 Lilis and Marleens claiming that they were the original inspiration for the poem.

DANIELE AMFITHEATROF

Daniele Amfitheatrof, who died in Rome yesterday at the age of 81, was a conductor and composer who after a career as a conductor mainly in Europe, moved to Hollywood before the Second World War where he made a career as a composer of film scores.

Of Italian and Russian extraction, though Russian birth, he was a brother of the cellist Massimo Amfiteatrov and a grandson of the composer Nikolai Sokolov.

Daniele Alexandrovich Amfitheatrof was born in St Petersburg on October 29, 1901 and had his early musical education in the Soviet Union where he studied under Vitol in St Petersburg and in Czchoslovakia where he studied under Kricka in Prague.

But the greater influence on him was Rome where he was under Respighi for composition at the Conservatorio di S. Cecilia and also studied the organ at the Pontifical Academy of Sacred Music.

He gained his diploma in 1924 and from 1924 to 1929 was pianist, organist and chorus assistant at the Augusteo where he also conducted the orchestra.

Other posts in Italy included the artistic directorships of the Genoa and Trieste radio stations and he was also conductor and manager for Italian radio in Turin.

He was a guest conductor for other Italian and European orchestras as well as visiting the United States as a guest conductor, and in 1937 he became an associate conductor of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

He eventually gravitated towards Hollywood where he settled in 1939. He became a prolific composer of film music and by the end of his career had eighty scores to his credit including such well known titles as *I'll Be Seeing You* (1943); *Letter from An Unknown Woman* (1948); *Rommel, Desert Fox* (1951); *The Naked Jungle* (1954) and *Heller in Pink Tights* (1960).

Amfitheatrof also composed a few other orchestral and choral works, among them a Requiem which was performed in 1962. His own work showed the influence of his master, Respighi and was marked by its vivid colour and drama.

MR A. C. BEATTY

Mr Chester Beatty, who was chairman from 1950 to 1978 of Selection Trust, the mining finance house which is now part of British Petroleum, and had been life president since 1978, died on June 6 at the age of 75.

Alfred Chester Beatty was born in New York on October 17, 1907, the son of Sir Chester Beatty. His father was one of the best known mining engineers of his day and an influential figure in the natural resources industry. It fell to the son to see Selection Trust, the company founded by Sir Chester, through the difficult years of the depression and the subsequent rise of African nationalism.

Beatty spent the first eight years of his life in the United States before coming to Britain. He was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he read law. After joining Selection Trust in 1930 he became a naturalized British subject seven years later.

He was assistant to his father at Selection Trust before becoming managing director in 1937, a post he held for 13 years. He succeeded his father as chairman in 1950 and stayed at the helm until his retirement in 1978, when he became life president.

These were troubled years for the industry, and for Selection Trust particularly. Beatty was remembered for his ability to lead his management team first in developing the copper mines of Northern Rhodesia, as it then was, then in its ill-fated attempt to challenge from its diamond mines in West Africa the power of the Central Selling Organisation dominated by De Beers; and then the nationalization of the copper interests in what became Zambia. Towards the end of his career in the 1960s he took Selection Trust back from being a holding company to exploration.

He married three times, and leaves a widow, Helen, and a daughter.

Law Report June 8 1983 Court of Appeal

Lords' decision on tax-avoidance schemes distinguished

Furniss (Inspector of Taxes) v Dawson

Before Lord Justice Oliver, Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice Slade

[Judgment delivered May 27]

A simple tax avoidance scheme designed to defer tax liability for capital gains accruing on the sale of shares by means of a composite transaction that included a share exchange with a Manx company achieved its object.

The interposition of an investment company ensured that the taxpayers could take advantage of the relief afforded by the company amalgamation provisions in paragraph 6 of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 1965.

The scheme, admittedly devised for tax avoidance purposes, was to be distinguished from *W. T. Ramsay Ltd v IRC* ([1982] AC 300) and *IRC v Burmah Oil Co Ltd* (*The Times* December 9, 1981; [1981] STC 30) in which the House of Lords had enunciated potentially far reaching principles to nullify tax avoidance schemes.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the Crown from a decision of Mr Justice Vinelott (*The Times*, December 24, 1981). The determination of the special commissioners quashing assessments to tax for 1971-72 on the taxpayers, Mr George Dawson and his two sons, Mr Douglas and Mr Rexford Dawson, in sums of £57,000, £28,000 and £28,000 respectively, was upheld.

The Crown was given leave to appeal to the House of Lords on terms as to the costs already incurred.

Mr George Dawson died after the hearing before the commissioners.

In 1971 the Dawson family wished to sell their shareholdings in two small family companies to Wood Bastow Holdings Ltd. They entered into an avoidance scheme to defer liability to capital gains tax on the sale.

The scheme involved an exchange of their shareholdings in the two companies for shares in Greenjacket Ltd, a Manx company that was formed to serve as a vehicle for the shares and as a receptacle for the proceeds of sale when the shares were in due course sold for £155,000 to the ultimate purchaser.

The taxpayers claimed that the provisions of paragraph 6 of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 1965, applied to the exchange so that for tax purposes the shares in the Manx company were to be identified with the shares in the taxpayers' companies and treated as the same asset. If that was so no liability to tax would arise until such time as they disposed of their shares in the Manx company.

Mr Peter Millett, QC and Mr Robert Carnwath for the Crown; Mr Stephen Oliver, QC and Mr William Massey for the taxpayers.

LORD JUSTICE OLIVER said that the appeal concerned the fiscal effect of a series of transactions familiar to company lawyers and taxation advisers alike. It was on the face of it a straightforward and sensible series of transactions, the fiscal consequences of which were clearly laid out in the Finance Act 1965 (see now the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979).

The controlling shareholder of a family company wished to retire and dispose of his shares. He had an understandable desire that the fruits of his endeavours should not be taxed more highly than the law compelled.

He was advised that if he was content not to receive the proceeds of the shares himself but to have them represented by shares in another company in which he would hold the shares, the payment of tax could be postponed until he disposed of those shares. He acted on the advice. The transactions were carried out.

The Crown did not contend that the share exchange was other than genuine. Nor did they contend that the sale by Greenjacket of those shares to Wood Bastow was other than a genuine sale.

What they said was: because the share exchange and subsequent sale were carried out in a prearranged sequence and with the preconceived intention of taking advantage of the statutory provisions which enabled a share exchange to take place without tax liability and with a view to postponing the tax which would have been payable if the shares had been disposed of direct to the purchaser, the taxpayers were to be treated as having done something other than that which they had in fact done, that was to say, as having – but for fiscal purposes only – disposed of their original shares direct to the purchaser.

The consequences of that, if correct, were sufficiently startling to make one examine with some care the basis for such a claim. Mr Millett had sought to re-analyse the two transactions: a metaphysical process which he said led to a conclusion that the two transactions were a single transaction of disposal by the taxpayers on which a gain accrued to them.

Thus it followed that unless one totally ignored the exchange (which Mr Millett said was not to be done) the taxpayers were inevitably in the fullness of time to be taxed twice on the same gain.

They were to be taxed now on a gain which they had not made but which on the Crown's argument accrued when the proceeds were paid to Greenjacket. They were then to be taxed again when they came to dispose of the Greenjacket shares.

Mr Justice Vinelott felt oppressed by the logical difficulty inherent in accepting on the one hand the reality of the transactions and the legal consequence which flowed from them and on the other the re-analysis of those transactions in such a way as to attribute to them for fiscal purposes a result which they did not have.

It had been forcefully submitted that he was bound by the authority of the House of Lords in *W.T. Ramsay Ltd v IRC* – and in particular by the approval in that case of the dissenting judgment of Lord Justice Eveleigh in *Floor v Davis* ([1978] Ch 295) – to reach the result for which the Crown contended. But he had felt himself able to distinguish *Floor's* case. The question was whether he had been right in so doing.

The starting point was *IRC v Duke of Westminster* ([1936] AC 1) which, if it stood unaffected by later authority, would conclude the instant case against the Crown. It had been said by the House of Lords that the principle of that case – whereby "every man is entitled if he can to order his affairs so as that the tax attaching under the appropriate Acts is less than it otherwise would be" – remained a cardinal principle.

But there could be no doubt that the case of *Ramsay* and, perhaps, even more *IRC v Burmah Oil Co Ltd* had made severe inroads on the ambit within which it was to be applied. Nevertheless it had not been reduced to the status of a sacred cow to which a ritual obeisance had first to be made and which could then be ignored. It remained a live principle.

The *Westminster* case had involved a simple transaction. Since then the courts had been presented with more and more sophisticated and increasingly artificial arrangements contrived to meet increasingly involved taxing legislation.

It was not surprising that the House of Lords had sought to set bounds to the extent to which the *Westminster* principle should be applied so as to compel the court to accept and to attribute full legal effect to elaborate transactions artificially contrived for the sole purpose of achieving fiscal advantage.

The opportunity presented itself in the *Ramsay* case. It was that case, and in particular the observations in it of Lord Wilberforce and Lord Fraser with regard to the earlier case of *Floor v Davis*, that formed the bedrock of the Crown's case.

Leaving aside for the moment their consideration of *Floor v Davis*, there was nothing in their Lordships' opinions in *Ramsay* to convince the court that Mr Justice Vinelott had been wrong in his conclusion or which compelled the conclusion for which the Crown argued.

It was not possible for fiscal purposes for a man to be treated as having disposed of shares when, again for fiscal purposes, the law required him to be treated as still having them. That could only be done by ignoring the real transaction as a result of which he was deemed to have them.

To do so would be to attribute a different substance to the combination of transactions from that which they in fact had and to fly in the face of the facts.

Mr Millett's most powerful, and he said unanswerable point, arose from the later passage in Lord Fraser's speech in *Ramsay* where he approved of the dissenting judgment of Lord Justice Eveleigh in *Floor v Davis*.

[Thereby Lord Justice Eveleigh had held that under a prearranged scheme there was a disposal by shareholders of their shares direct to an ultimate purchaser notwithstanding intermediate share exchange transactions.]

Lord Fraser's approval of that view, Mr Millett said, compelled the court as a matter of binding authority to hold that the taxpayers in the instant case had disposed of their shares to Wood Bastow and that a taxable gain accrued on that disposal.

He argued first that that approval by Lord Fraser was part of the *ratio* of the decision in *Ramsay* and not merely *obiter dictum*; second, he said, that it impliedly overruled the majority judgment in *Floor's* case, and third that consequent on the agreement with Lord Fraser's speech by Lord Russell and Lord Roskill, there was a decision of the House binding on the Court of Appeal that the transactions taken together constituted a disposal to the ultimate purchaser with the inevitable double taxation result indicated above.

However, his Lordship said that he could not regard those observations of Lord Fraser, valuable and persuasive as they were, as part of the *ratio* of the *Ramsay* decision. Lord Justice Eveleigh's judgment was referred to merely as an example of reasoning with which Lord Fraser approved and was an illustration of the limitations of the *Westminster* case. Moreover it was not clear how far the concurrence of Lord Russell and Lord Roskill with Lord Fraser had gone.

Although *Ramsay* dictated the approach which the court should adopt to a series of closely connected transactions such as those now in question, it did not dictate the result of that approach on the facts of this case. Not for one moment was the correctness of Lord Fraser's view with regard to the *Floor* case to be questioned, but it did not appear to be determinative of the result of an analysis, in accordance with *Ramsay* principles, of the transactions in the instant case, having regard to the facts and the commissioners' specific findings with regard to those facts.

Mr Justice Vinelott had taken the view that the case was distinguishable from *Floor's* case on the ground that there was a salient difference: in *Floor's* case the steps taken between the parting by the taxpayer with his shares and the receipt by him of the moneys were steps which did not have any enduring effect on the rights and obligations of the parties after the completion of the scheme.

It was thus possible in that case to excise those steps and treat the transactions simply as a disposal direct to the ultimate purchaser. That was a distinction that the judge drew from his clear analysis of the *Burmah Oil* case. Mr Millett had criticized it as a "gloss" that was unwarranted by authority and unjustified in principle. But that gloss was a necessary one.

Otherwise there was an insuperable logical contradiction between the mandatory statutory consequences of a transaction which could not be excised and the legal consequences sought to be attributed to a different composite transaction which it was asserted, were not to be superseded but to live alongside those statutory consequences.

There was no suggestion in this case, as there had been in *Floor*, that Greenjacket was merely a conduit pipe for syphoning off the purchase money elsewhere. There was indeed an express finding that the transfer to Greenjacket passed both the legal and the beneficial title to the shares.

There was no finding and no evidence of any arrangement for the dissolution of Greenjacket nor any suggestion that it was otherwise than a permanently established investment company intended to operate as such.

In the circumstance the case appeared to be quite different from *Floor's* case. Approached in the light of *Ramsay* principles, the composite transaction was one which included as an integral feature the disposal of the shares to Greenjacket beneficially.

It was impossible simply because that company was ultimately under the control of the disposing shareholders, to regard the money accruing to Greenjacket on the sale by it to Wood Bastow as a gain accruing to the taxpayers on the disposal of their shares to Wood Bastow. The appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice Slade delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Browne, Jacobson & Roose, Nottingham.

Latest wills

Lady Warren, of Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £671,964 net.

Mrs Frances Cuthbertson, of Bournemouth, Dorset, left estate valued at £764,104 net.

Other estates include (net before tax paid):

Bertoux, Mrs Dorothy Sarah, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey ... £203,765
Carter, Mr Charles James, of Erith, Kent, of Carters Confectioners ... £225,514
Gallagher, Mrs Elizabeth Mary, of Maynooth, co. Kildare, Farmer, estate in England, Wales and Irish Republic ... £206,877
Griffin, Mr Cyril Thomas, of Shebbear, Devon ... £206,596
Morris, Miss Mabel Florence, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk ... £235,978
Parker, Mrs Edna Elizabeth, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire ... £201,695
Price, Mrs Esme, of Hove, East Sussex ... £296,085
Read, Mr George Frederick Joseph, of Loughton, Essex, a member of the Stock Exchange ... £272,395
Swinden, Mr Daniel Charles Baker, of Deal, Kent ... £251,776
Taylor, Mr George Gordon, of Drogheda, co. Louth, company director, estate in England, Wales and Irish Republic ... £220,601
Selwood, Mr Harry Bernard, of Rushden, Northants ... £213,758

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 710.3 up 6.9
FT Gilts: 82.56 down 0.21
Bargains: 13,071
Tring Hall USM Index: 170.1 up 2.0
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones index 8475.30 down 30.62
Hongkong: Hang Seng index 881.67 down 21.22
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average (latest) 1212.64 down 0.60

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling $1.5720 down 50pts
Index 86.8 down 0.2
DM 4.0375 down 0.0125
FrF 12.1225 up 0.0525
Yen 376.75 down 2.75
Dollar
Index 125.5 up 0.1
DM 2.5660 down 15pts
Gold
$400.75 down $6.25
NEW YORK LATEST
Gold $400.25
Sterling $1.5725

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Base rates
3 month interbank $10^1/_4$=$10^1/_8$
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar $9^{11}/_{16}$=$9^{13}/_{16}$
3 month DM $5^9/_{16}$=$5^7/_{16}$
3 month Fr F $14^{11}/_{16}$= $14^9/_{16}$
ECGD *Fixed Rate Sterling* Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period May 4 to June 7, 1983 inclusive: 10.334 per cent.

PRICE CHANGES

Helical Bar *33p+7p*
H. Ingram 60p+12p
N. Simon £19.50+£3.75
Polly Peck £17.50+£2.50
Ldn & N'thern 91p+13p
Cornell *125p+15p*
Lake & Elliot 19–4p
Atlantic Res. 47p–8p
Wicking P. 38p–4p
Leslie 235p–20p
Wh'lock M. *26p–2p*
Milford Dks 68p–5p

TODAY

Interims: Westlands.
Finals: N. Brown Invest, Bulmer and Lumb, Gt portland Estates, Hill Samuel, LCP Hldgs, Lyntons Hldgs, Pegler-Hattersley, TR North America Invest, Henry Wigfall.

NOTEBOOK

● **Reed International** staged a better than expected recovery in the final quarter of its last *financial year, but for the year* as a whole a big fall in overseas operating profits led to a 15 per cent fall in pretax profit. The present year has got *off to a healthy start.*
● **Grindlays Bank**, owned jointly by Citiban k and Grindlays Holdings, is again the subject of takeover talk.
● ***Sketchley**, the dry-cleaning* group, looks to have good prospects for the present year having closed down the textile division which lost £770,000 in *the last financial year.*
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BTR increases stake in Tilling

BTR bought a further 2.5 million shares in Tilling yesterday at a price of 225p ex *dividend. Added to an extra* 500,000 shares which it acquired late in after hours trading on Monday this takes the BTR stake up to 28.5 per cent.

It is expected to be back in the market this morning, and is prepared to buy up to the maximum 30 per cent allowed under the takeover code.

The number of acceptances received by the registrar is believed to have been high yesterday, although there is no indication of the number of shares these accounted for. The issue will be decided today, the closing date for the bid, when the leading institutional shareholders come off the fence.

● **JOBS ISSUE:** Half of Britain's unemployment is due to the world slump. That makes the policies decided at Willimsburg as crucial as the election. Graham Searjeant asks if they will work Page 22

● **$300m LOAN:** Oman has raised a $300m syndicated loan arranged by Gulf International Bank. The loan is for seven years at 1.5 per cent over the London Interbank Offered Rate for two years and $^5/_8$ per cent over Libor for the duration.

● **NEW CHAIRMAN:** Mr John Milne will be the new chairman of Blue Circle Industries. He will combine the post with his position of group managing director. He succeeds Sir Rowland Wright.

WALL STREET

Shares fail to recover

New York (AP–Dow Jones) – Stocks were mixed after failing to recover from their early declines yesterday and trading was moderate.

The Dow Jones Industrial average was down $2^1/_2$ points after cutting its initial drop of nearly 4 points. The transportation index was *pushed* to a gain of almost 6 points. Declining issues were ahead of advances.

Mr Harry Laubscher, market *analyst for Paine Webber, said* that it was a mixed market with the industrials down while the transports were up.

Mr Laubscher was urging a lightening-up during periods of strength. "We see a possible move to the 1,150 to 1,120 area – of the Dow Jones Industrial average – over the next month *or two but the basic bull trend is* undisturbed. There are signs that distribution and profit-taking is increasing while buying demand is increasing for the cyclicals and the blue chip stocks are coming under pressure."

American Telephone & Telegraph trading at $4^3/_4$, up $^1/_8$; International Business Machines 116, up $^3/_8$; General Motors $70^1/_8$, up $^3/_8$; Bethlehem Steel $24^5/_8$, unchanged; General Electric 56, up $1^1/_8$; Dupont $48^1/_2$, unchanged; Newmont Mining 566, off $^1/_2$; Union Pacific $55^3/_8$, off $^1/_4$; Exxon $33^3/_8$, off $^1/_4$; Southern Pacific $9^1/_2$, off $^5/_8$; and Chicago North Western $90^1/_4$, off $^1/_4$.

Teledyne was up $4^1/_4$to $159^3/_4$; Texas Instruments up 1 at 169; Coleco up $4^1/_4$to $64^3/_8$; E-Systems up $2^1/_2$to $41^3/_8$; Shell Dil off 1 at 41; Estinghouse Electric off $^1/_8$at 50.

DoT moves on mystery investors

By Philip Robinson

The Department of Trade yesterday launched an official investigation to unmask the mystery shareholders behind Westminster Property Group.

The London-based investment and property development group has been the subject of an unsuccessful takeover bid from Mr Jim Raper and his St Piran mining group, which owns 29 per cent.

Mr Raper has in the past drawn criticism from the Department of Trade and Takeover Panel. About two years ago, the Stock Exchange suspended the shares of St Piran and two of its quoted subsidaries to block a takeover bid by Mr Raper's Gasco Holdings.

Westminster asked the department to investigate after its own attempts to flush out beneficial owners of share stakes came to nothing.

Last month the company passed details of a mysterious spate of share buying to the Takeover Panel. A fortnight ago a 300-page report went to the Department of Trade from Clifford Turner, the company's solicitors.

But Mr Partick Ravenhill, the Westminister chairman, was reluctant to discuss details last night. "I don't want to discuss who owns the shares that worry us. Its a long list."

At the group's annual meeting last month Mr Ravenhill expressed concern at recent share buying, feeling it might be linked with existing shareholders and could constitute a 'concert party'.

Industry costs fall: interest rate fears subside

Record consumer spending backs Government's recovery claims

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

Government claims that a sturdy recovery is under way and inflation well under control received some preelection encouragement yesterday from official figures. These showed consumer spending in the shops at record levels in April, a further drop in the cost of industry's fuel and raw materials last month and only a modest increase in the prices charged for goods leaving Britain's factories.

In addition, City fears that a reelected Conservative Government would raise interest rates to curb excessive monetary growth were calmed when the Bank of England announced that the most closely-watched money measure, sterling M3, grew by an estimated $^3/_4$ per cent in the month to mid-May, less than half the extraordinary April surge of 1.9 per cent.

But Britain's balance of payments surplus on current account fell to £445m in the first quarter this year from £1,790m in the final quarter of 1982, despite a better performance on invisible trade than earlier estimates had suggested.

Capital outflows almost doubled to £2,400m from £1,300m, according to the Central Statistical Office, while overseas investment in stocks and shares totalled £1,600m, continuing the rise of financial assets abroad sparked off by the abolition of exchange controls four years ago.

Buoyant consumer demand has been the driving force behind the tentative economic upswing this year, boosted by easier credit terms, lower mortgage rates and rising living standards for those in work, as pay has outstripped price rises.

Business in the shops in April jumped by nearly 1 per cent to the highest level on record, well above provisional estimates, with the index of retail sales at 112.9 (1978 = 100), more than 6 per cent up on a year earlier.

In the first four months of this year the volume of trade was 3 per cent higher than the average for 1982, compared with Treasury forecasts for a $2^1/_2$ per cent rise in consumer spending overall.

The claim by ministers that inflation, now at 4 per cent, will rise only modestly in the months ahead to stay below 6 per cent is supported by the latest wholesale figures. The prices charged by manufacturing industry for goods at the factory gate rose by 0.6 per cent in May, leaving the annual rate of increase unchanged from April at 7.3 per cent.

More than a third of the May increase was due to higher prices for food and petrol.

But industry's input cost fell 0.5 per cent in May after a 1.5 per cent drop in April as the stronger pound brought down the cost of oil in sterling terms, more than offsetting higher prices for food commodities.

Over the year to May, costs rose by 6.4 per cent, marking a significant slowdown from earlier in the year.

The news that money growth moderated in the May banking month also increases the chances that interest rates may fall after the election, taking the pressure off the building societies to put their mortgage rates up.

This is helpful for inflation, because mortgage costs are included in the retail prices index, and for economic recovery, because it keeps cash in people's pockets.

Sterling slips on profit-taking

The pound lost 50 points against the dollar yesterday to close in quiet trading at $1.5720. Traders said that some holders who had bought sterling on Monday *sold* yesterday at a profit, thereby exerting some downward pressure on the currency.

Gold, however was very nervous, and lost $6.25 to $400.25 an ounce in London.

But neither the impending election nor the trade, money supply and whole sale price figures had much effect, traders said. Most holders of sterling expect a Conservative victory and have already adjusted their positions accordingly.

As a result the trade weighted index, which measures the pound against the currencies of Britain's main trading partners, slipped by only 0.2 to 86.8.

But the greater fall in gold was the result of speculators losing confidence in the market as the uncertainty about the course of American interest rates persisted. Potential buyers were not encouraged by speculation that Portugal and the International Monetary Fund might sell gold reserves.

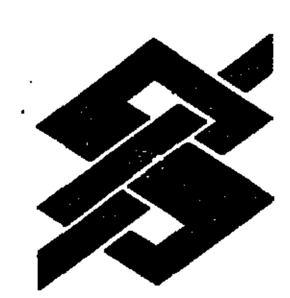
The market is torn between fears of inflation on the one hand and deflation on the other.

Lloyd's admits 40 years' irregularities

By John Lawless

Lloyds of London acknowledged yesterday that conflicts of interest stretching back 40 years had been identified by the first enquiry under its new disclosure drive – but denied that its failure to take disciplinary action heralded an easy time for members who own up to irregularities.

Mr Ian Hay Davison – who arrived on February 14 as deputy chairman and chief executive, with a formidable image and a brief to clean up Lloyd's much-tarnished image – revealed that "between 10 and 20" other cases were now being investigated.


Hay Davison: Other cases under investigation

His first report disclosed salaries to certain directors of Edward Williams Coutts & Partners and their wives had not been paid as a management fee for its handling of Syndicate 235.

Instead, they were paid by associate companies – as were loans to EWC directors at less than commercial rates, mortgages to 20 staff at 4 per cent, and the provision of an underwriting deposit for a director.

The 600 principals of the syndicate had not been told, even though this arrangement had persisted "inadvertantly", Mr Hay Davison, said for 40 *years. Future cases and possible* disciplinary action, he stressed, would be judged on individual circumstances.

Mr. Donald Robertson, EWC *chairman, yesterday told The Times* that he was "extremely satisfied" with the Council's final judgment, but its seven-point statement did not give a fair picture. He was drafting a letter, to be posted on Friday to syndicate members, giving EWC's view of the case.

Nicholas Reinsurances, he added, had been set up to broaden the syndicate's base by providing additional capacity to underwrite part of its activities.

No money had been paid because it "has to run off its liabilities".

The mortgages, he said, had never exceeded £25,000. Arrangements had been made for these to be taken over by EWC's bank, with salary rises being given to staff to allow for the increase in interest rates.

Salaries to three directors had been £1,500 per annum, while wives had received £5,000 a year in total. Loans had been "very short term and were fully *repaid", although one had taken* the form of bridging loan on a mortgage and had been interest-free.

£6m jump for Mirror Group

By Sandy McLachlan

Mirror Group Newspapers, which publishes seven national newspapers including the *Daily* and *Sunday Mirror*, the *Sunday People* and the Scottish *Daily Record*, almost quadrupled its profit in the last financial year. Trading profit rose to £8.1m in the year to April 4 compared with £2.1m the previous year. Sales were up from £254m to £263m.

The Mirror Group is a subsidiary of Reed International, and yesterday Mr Kenneth Morton, Reed's finance director, attributed the improvement to tight cost control.

"The price of newsprint has been restrained a bit," he added, "and the fact that we now buy newsprint in sterling terms rather than in dollar terms obviously helped".

The group was also helped by a 1p increase in the cover price of the *Daily Mirror* roughly a third of the way through its financial year. The increase – to 16p – represents a rise of 6 $^1/_2$ per cent.

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P & O repels latest Trafalgar attack

By John Clare

Trafalgar House yesterday tried to take its shareholding in Peninsular and Oriential Steam Navigation up to 14.9 per cent *by snapping up* shares on the stock market but its foray was defeated by friendly support for P & O.

Trafalgar bid 207 – the price of its bid which values P & O at about £290m – for 13.7 shares but the price quickly lifted to 209p on buying elsewhere. Trafalgar ended the day with no increase it its shareholding in P & O although it did pick up 500,000 shares on Monday.

"Assuming we could go all the way to the 15 per cent holding limit we would spend £29m to £30m and avoid isuing that much stock. As we have such a generous offer in Trafalgar paper we would like to buy all we can get for cash," said Mr Nigel Broackes, Trafalgar's chairman. The General Council of British Shipping has decided not to make representations to the Office of Fair Trading about the bid. P & O had asked it to intervene but it is believed that it did not wish to side with one of its members and against another.

P & O's chairman is expected to launch his formal defence at tomorrow's annual meeting with a defence document following soon after.

Late bid for FMC stake

By Michael Clarke

A last-minute bid from a private company has delayed the proposed offer for sale of the National Farmers' Union's 75 per cent stake in FMC, the meat processing group.

Mr. Richard Butler, president of the National Farmers' Union, said the delay followed a cash offer, made last week, for the union's stake. Both the NFU and FMC have denied suggestions that the bid has been made by Hillsdown Holdings.

As a result the proposed offer for sale of more than 10 million shares in FMC has been delayed for a month as the three parties sit down to thrash out terms.

City Comment

Lonrho stags at bay

The House of Fraser board yesterday came up with a strategy which it hopes finally kills off any chance of Lonrho succeeding in forcing it to demerge Harrods.

The companies were set to lock antlers again at a shareholders' meeting on June 30 where, for the first time, it seemed likely that Lonrho would win approval of more than 50 per cent of the votes.

So much for the plan. Yesterday, the Fraser board produced a resolution of its own, which said that Harrods should be demerged. It is recommended that shareholders vote against it, and it intends to call for a vote on this item, before the Lonrho resolution is put, thereby pulling the rug from under it.

There are two further points. The first is that the Fraser inspired resolutin needs a 75 per cent majority, and quite clearly will be defeated, thereby leaving Harrods where it is. The second point, Fraser now claims is that demerging Harrods would also require the approval of 50 per cent of the shareholders.

In other words, the Lonrho 30 per cent stake would rank equally with that of the small shareholder in Perth. And given that, the small shareholders are the backbone of the Fraser list, then there is again no hope of that approval coming through.

If Fraser's claim is correct then this needed majority of shareholders has meant that the Lonrho proposal has never had a chance.

But on the other hand it does open the way for the *long awaited bid*, which is perhaps why the shares have risen strongly to 222p, up 4p on the day.

For if Lonrho cannot succeed, it may well find a willing buyer for its shares in the consortium headed by Hambros Bank.

Hi-fi firms fined £2m

By Patricia Clough

Fines totalling about £2m – *the biggest inflicted for restric*tive practices in the European Community – were applied by the European Court of Justice yesterday against the Japanese Pioneer company and three distributors for conniving to protect the higher prices of its hi-fi equipment in France.

The decision is expected to act as a sharp deterrent to companies who seek to prevent their products being imported from EEC countries where they are cheaper to countries where their exclusive dealers keep prices higher.

Pioneer Electronics of Antwerp, the company's European subsidiary, and three distributors, Shrio of London (which subsequently became Pioneer High Fidelity), C Melchers and Co of Bremen and S A Musique Diffusion Francaise of Vétizy in France had appealed to the court against the fines

Hawley buys more of Miss World

By Our Financial Staff

Mr Michael Ashcroft of Hawley Group, has again been busy on the stock market buying shares in the Miss World beauty contest business and selling those his Group owns in Camrex.

*The deals have fuelled specu*lation that Hawley is about to make a big acquisition.

Hawley yesterday bought another 5 per cent package of shares in the Miss World business run by Mr Eric Morley and his wife. The purchases, which were made through Hawley's own brokers, Capel *Cure Myers, and the brokers to* Miss World, Schaverien, take Hawley's stake to just under 20 per cent.

Since Miss World went public a month and a half ago, Hawley has managed to acquire half the total number of shares that were placed in the market. Yesterday's purchases were made at 125p a share, which is more than double the price at which the shares were floated.

A full bid would appear unlikely without the prior agreement of Mr Morley and his wife who retain more than 50 per cent shares in the Miss World business.

Mr Ashcroft has also sold his *entire 28.5 per cent in Camrex*, the special paint maker which is being bid for by Ruberoid. The sale has probably made him a profit of about £1m. Earlier he had said he would accept the Ruberoid bid "in the absence of a higher offer." Ruberoid's bid is worth 70.5p after a rise in the share price compared with 65p when it was first made.

The Hawley shares are thought to have been bought by institutions which will ultimately accept the Ruberoid *bid, according to Dr John* Roberts, the Ruberoid managing director.

Hawley, which recently made a £14.4m rights issue, is thought to be amassing liquid funds for a big acquisition.

Technology boost for privatization policy

BTG to sell asset for £25m

By Peter Wilson-Smith

The Government's privatization policy received an unexpected pre-election boost with yesterday's announcement that British Technology Group is selling its 65.7 per cent shareholding in United Medical Enterprises.

UME is one of the most attractive assets held by the National Enterprise Board, which was absorbed by BTG.

London and Northern, the *building and* construction company, is buying UME in a deal valuing the company at about £25m, although deferred payments could eventually raise *this to more than £28m.*

The sale of UME, which manages hospitals and supplies medical equipment mainly in the Middle East, is in line with the Government's directives to BTG to sell off its equity stakes and concentrate on exploiting British technology.

Mr Brian Willott, BTG's chief executive said: "This disposal of our shareholding is the latest in a number of successful dispersals to the private sector. In this case we have more than trebled the taxpayer's money."

BTG will receive £16m initially for its stake and expects more than £2m in deferred payments calculated on future profits. Its original investment was £5.7m. UME's other minority shareholders include United City Merchants, Orion Bank and Commercial Union.

UME's directors, including Mr Christopher Chataway, the former cabinet minister, have share options on 6.1 per cent of the capital and stand to receive about £1m net.

The deal is significant for London and Northern which yesterday announced a one-for-two rights issue of 28.4m shares at $57^1/_2$p to raise £15.5m to help fund the acquisition. However, the stock market signalled its approval by marking London and Northern's shares up 13p to 91p.

London and Northern is forecasting a rise in the interim dividend from 1.5p to 1.7p and at least a maintained final dividend. UME's profits have risen from £830,000 in 1978 to £9.2m last year.

London and Northern made £9.8m pretax last year

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce

	Y'day's Close	Previous Close
High grade copper		–
Cash	1072–1073	–
Three mnth	1089.5–1090	–
Stndrd cath (copper)		–
Cash	1021–1023	–
Three mnth	1061–1062.5	–
Tin: cash	8450–8451	–
Three mnth	8460–8465	–
Lead: cash	262–262.5	–
Three mnth	272–272.5	–
Zinc: cash	457–458.0	–
Three mnth	471–472.0	–
Silver: cash	706–707.0	–
Three mnth	724.5–725.0	–
Alumnm: csh	928–929	–
Three mnth	956–956.5	–
Nickel: cash	3130–3135	–
Three mnth	3200–3201	–

L.M.E. TURNOVER
Copper (higher grade): 28,350 tonnes; Standard cathodes: nil; Tin (standard): 1,100 tonnes; Lead: 9,050 tonnes; Zinc: 1,950 tonnes; Silver: 66 lots of 10,000ozs. each; Aluminium: 3,200 tonnes; Nickel: 868 tonnes.

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in £'s per tonne;
Coffee, cocoa, sugar and soyabean meal in pounds per metric ton;
Wool in N.Z. cents per kilo;
I.P.E. IN U.S. per metric ton;
Gold in U.S. per oz.

RUBBER	Y'day's Close	Previous Close
Jly	736–738	–
Aug	726–729	–
Jly/Sept	726–728	–
Oct/Dec	739–741	–
Jan/March	757–759	–
April/June	774–778	–
Jly/Sept	795–797	–
Oct/Dec	813–816	–
Jan/March	832–834	–

Sales: Three lots at five tonnes each, and 21 lots at 15 tonnes each.

COCOA	Y'day's Close	Previous Close
Jly	1420–1421	–
Sept	1433–1434	–
Dec	1450–1452	–
March	1460–1461	–
May	1468–1471	–
Jly	1474–1475	–
Sept	1486–1487	–

Sales: 3,594 lots. ICCO prices (daily (June 6), 97.21c. indicator price (June 7). 5-day average, 98.47c. (U.S. cents per lb).

SUGAR (No 4 contract)	Y'day's Close
Aug	173.00-173.10
Oct	181.50-181.60
Dec	184.00-185.00
March	192.50-193.00
May	195.00-195.75

The London daily "raws" price was £16.00 lower yesterday, at £167.00 per tonne, while the "whites" price was £15.00 down at £187.00 per tonne. I.S.A. prices (June 6):– daily, 10.63c., 15-day average, 10.45c. (US cents per lb).

WOOL	Y'day's Close
Aug	446-450
Oct	446-448
Dec	443-446
Jan	444-447
March	448-450
May	458-460
Aug	467-470
Oct	469-472
Dec	475-477

Sales: 36 lots.

SOYABEAN MEAL	Y'day's Close
June	142.00-142.20
Aug	139.60-139.80
Oct	141.50-141.80
Dec	146.50-146.60
Feb	150.00-151.00
April	150.50-152.00
June	150.50-153.00

Sales: 77 lots.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE	Y'day's Close
June	244.75-55250
July	243.75-44.00
Aug	244.00-44.50
Sep	246.00-46.25
Oct	248.00-48.25
Nov	250.50-51.00
Dec	253.25-53.50

Sales: 1,991 lots of 100 tonnes each.

GRAIN	Barley	Wheat
July	–	£135.00
Sept	£109.35	£116.00
Nov	£112.60	£118.60
Jan	£115.90	£121.85
March	£118.75	£124.75
May	£122.95	£127.95

Sales: 82 lots. Sales: 219 lots

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK ● edited by Sandy McLachlan

Reed's £21m exceeds City hopes

Reed International
Year to 3.4.83
Pretax profit £60.9m (£71.6m)
Stated earnings 33.5p (47.3p)
Turnover £1,809m (£1,698m)
Net final dividend 10p making 14p (same)
Share price 296p (up 6p) Yield 4.7 per cent
Dividend payable 16/8/83

Final quarter figures from Reed International were ahead of market expectations at £20.9m for three months to April 4 against £15.9m for the comparable period last year.

After an initial 12p rise the shares finished the day 6p better at 296p, and the last quarter improvement has helped to make up for the disappointing first half.

It brings pre-tax profits for the year to £60.9m against £71.6m (although the group is quick to point out that, on current cost basis, operating profit for the year is up by £22m as a result of lower inflation in Britain).

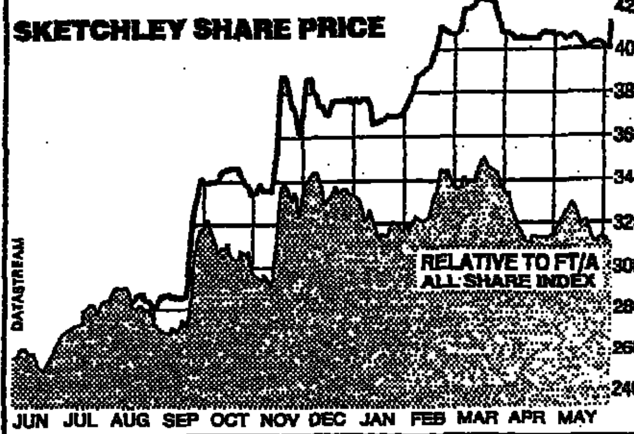
More *important* for the future, however, is the clear-out that Reed has achieved in the past year. Above the line it has taken in exceptional items of £14.6m, £9m of which occurred in the final quarter, including the one-off £4m closure costs of the Tovil mill.

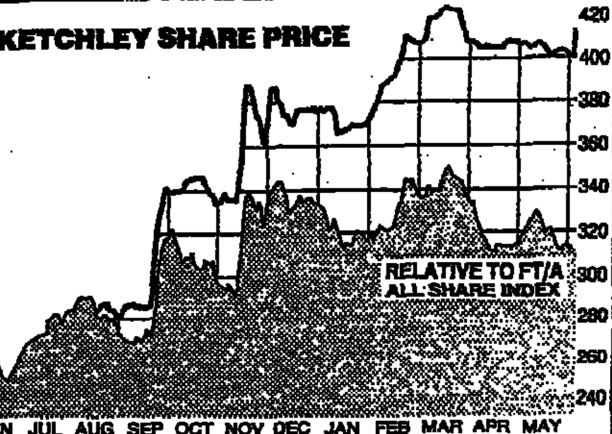
Below the line, as previously indicated, Reed has written off the whole of the £18.7m loss on the sale of Odhams to British Printing and Communications Corporation. After the maintained dividend, this leaves retained earnings sharply down at £4.3m against £37.6m the previous year, but again it is another non-recurring problem out of the way.

For the first time, Reed has broken its trading profit into 10 separate divisions, plus an item for central costs. This shows remarkably good results from Mirror Group Newspapers, where profits were up by a factor of almost four. It also highlights the problem areas of decorative products, where there was a trading loss of £10m

The group is satisfied with the final quarter improvement last year and has had a healthy start to the current year. With uncertainties over both currency movements and newsprint prices, it is not committing itself about prospects, although it is pleased that the North American Wallcovering problems have been solved.

The shares look a much better bet than some other companies offering a yield of 4.7 per cent.





Sketchley

Year to 1.4.83
Pretax profit £9.1m (£7.3m)
Stated earnings 24.1p (22.1p)
Turnover £83.7m (£61.5)
Net total dividend 12p (10.9p)
Share price 412p, up 12p Yield 4.2%
Dividend payable 21.7.83

The closure of the textile division which lost £770,000 last year has removed a big millstone from around Sketchley's neck. The balance of the business, which includes its two US acquisitions, looks as though it is firing on all cylinders at last.

Last year the industrial division lost business for the second year running as factories in the hard pressed industrial regions contracted or closed. But the attrition has slowed down in the past few weeks while the "Down Your Way" industrial garment business operated from vans on small industrial estates is holding its own.

More important, the contract with Ford has been renegotiated and Sketchley is confident that negotiations with the National Coal Board, its biggest industrial customer, will also be successful.

The last three-year contract with the NCB was worth £5m a year – about a sixth of the industrial division's turnover. With few miners and the NCB's preference to spread its buying, the new contract will probably be smaller – but still substantial. Despite the difficulties, the industrial division managed a small increase in profits to £5.3m on marginally lower turnover.

Profits in the cleaning division – which includes the high street shops – were well ahead at £3.4m against £2.6m

The US companies, Rentex and Abelove, are being combined. They contributed £1.4m from 36 weeks trading at Rentex and 16 weeks at Abelove. The acquisitions have gobbled up the £7m raised by the rights issue: Sketchley has cash in the United Kingdom but borrowings in the US – and is a net borrower overall.

More US acquisitions are likely simply because Britain's is a mature market and any attempt to grow by acquisition would be instantly referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Prospects for this year look good with spending continuing to improve, new cleaning services and loss elimination from the textile divisions.

Grindlays

There must be many outside shareholders in Grindlays who would be only too happy to see the bank's shareholding sorted out. Grindlays, which evolved in the days of the British Empire, serving the needs of trade in an out of the old colonial territories, has turned in a painfully lacklustre performance in recent years. Earnings per share halved between 1979 and last year.

Last year also Grindlays raised nearly £90m from selling its Hongkong subsidiary and its stake in National Bank of Dubai but it is far from clear where Grindlays is heading, and being sandwiched between Citibank and Lloyds Bank cannot make strategic decision-making easy.

Citibank owns 49 per cent of Grindlays Bank. The rest is held by the publicly quoted Grindlays Holdings in which Lloyds Bank has 41 per cent and the Bahrain and Middle East Bank 11 per cent.

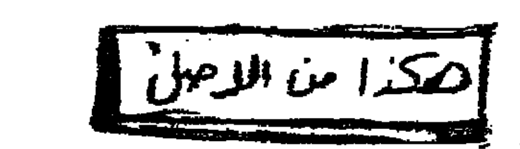
Citibank has long been rumoured as a seller and this week's jump in the Grindlays share price was based on hopes that a deal was close which could lead to a full takeover bid.

Whether anything will materialize remains to be seen, and seasoned Grindlays watchers must be telling themselves that they have heard all this before.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10 %
Barclays	10 %
BCCI	10 %
Consolidated Crds	10 %
C. Hoare & Co	*10 %
Lloyds Bank	10 %
Midland Bank	10 %
Nat Westminster	10 %
TSB	10 %
Williams & Glyn's	10 %

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6½%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 7¼%; £50,000 and over, 8¼%.


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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Charter bid on the cards

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings begin, June 6. Dealings end, June 17. Contango Day, June 20. Settlement Day, June 27.

The odds on a fullscale bid for the mining finance house, **Charter Consolidated**, are beginning to shorten.

The shares slipped 4p to 291p yesterday, but are still within a whisker of the year's high of 295p. This is in spite of the recent disagreement between the group and brokers James Capel who described Charter as the poor man's Thomas Tilling.

According to Mr Julian Baring of Capel, the shares are now looking cheap. "We think the shares should be worth around £4 each, but would be content to see them up to 325p", he said.

Certainly the market is talking in terms of a bid. Those who have already cast an eye over the company doubt that Mr Harry Oppenheimer's Minorco, with 35.7 per cent of the shares, would stand in the way of a bid from another company or a group of institutions.

Full-year figures out shortly are expected to see profits down from £59m to £53m. Last night Charter remained coy about Capel's remarks. A spokesman said: "We see a lot of circulars and brokers are entitled to have their own views on companies.

At last night's level, the group was valued at £305m. Elsewhere, share prices remained confident of a Conservative landslide victory in the General Election, with the FT Index closing at its high for the day 6.9 up at 710.3. But conditions remained thin with jobbers striving to keep an even position ahead of Thursday's poll.

Shares of tobacco group Rothmans International "B" surged 7p to 115p yesterday as South African investors picked up more than 2 million shares, just under 2 per cent of the equity, at about the 115p level. Mr Anton Rupert's, Rembrandt Group, has been tipped as a likely bidder. The full year figures expected shortly should exceed £135m, compared with £105m last time.

The slowdown in growth of the May money supply figures came as a welcome relief to the gilt market, where earlier losses of more than £1½ were reduced to £⅜ by the close. The pound ended 0.4 cents lower at $1.5720 on the foreign exchange.

In leading equities, Beecham lost ground, closing 2p off at 371p, after 365p, amid fears that one of its latest wonderdrugs may never see the light of day.

Brokers W. Greenwell remain cautious of the group's prospects and believe the share price has been running ahead of events. As a result they have downgraded estimates for 1983/4 to £260m against £237m last time. The other market estimates are as high a £295 million.

According to Greenwell the pound has risen 11 per cent since the year end which bodes ill for the group as last year more than 70 per cent of its earning came from abroad. This could result in currancy losses of about £20m

Shares of UBM, the West Country builders merchant tumbled 3½p to 89p after yesterday's report in *The Times* that there was a large seller of 3 million shares in the market. Only last week the shares hit a new high after reporting a turnround from a loss of £2m to a profit of £2.6m.

Mr Asil Nadir's attempts at restoring confidence in his Polly Peck empire received another boost yesterday as the shares rose £2 ½ to £17 ½ – their highest level for several months. This comes after the latest meeting between Polly Peck and the institutions at the offices of brokers James Capel at which Mr Nadir outlined his plans for the future.

Electrical group GEC rose 1p to 247p after buying a 37½ per cent stake in Hotpoint, the washing machine manufacturer from Schreiber. In return Schreiber will receive GEC's 62½ per cent stake in Schreiber Industries. Under the complicated scheme Schreiber shareholders will receive £1.5m in cash and 2.5m GEC ordinary shares.

Among the newcomers **Renishaw** made a successful start on the Unlisted Securities Market establishing a 20p premium at 170p. **McLaughlin & Harvey** was also sought after on its debut opening at 180p – a premium of 25p.

Making its debut among the full listings, **Abingworth**, the computer experts rose 7p to 307p.

Meanwhile, **United Electronic Holdings** spurted 15p to 60p after announcing it was in talks which could lead to a bid. It hopes to make an announcement as soon as possible.

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A—B

1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
86	43	Ass Paper	81	..	5.7	7.0	6.1
75	54	Atkins Bros	68	+4	7.1	10.5	7.1
160	77	Attwoods PLC	141	..	2.9	2.0	25.4
40	25	Ault & Wiborg	29	..	1.8	6.2	9.7
59	20	Automotive Pd	39	+2	2.1	5.5	..
125	67	Avon Rubber	115	..	1.4	1.2	..
739	343	B.A.T. Ind	570	+20	39.3	6.9	4.6
40	22	BBA Grp	36	..	2.5	6.9	16.7

C—E

F—H

1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
168	116	Hall Eng	162	..	10.9	6.7	6.6
244	178	Hall M.	244	+2	8.8	3.6	11.8
132	83	Halma PLC	119	+5	2.3	1.9	28.1
12½	8¾	Hampson Ind	12½	+½	1.1b	8.6	12.8
61	21	Hanimex Corp	35	..	..e	..	4.9
163	37	Hanover Inv	135	..	2.6	2.0	50.2
201	91½	Hanson Trust	191	..	5.7	3.0	15.2
89	44	Hargreaves Grp	86	..	5.4	6.2	9.6

I—N

1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
137	41	Mining Supplies	55	..	..e	..	..
55	33	Mitchell Cotts	33½	..	5.2	15.4	9.3
56	17	Moben Grp	49	..	0.3	0.6	12.3
30	17	Modern Eng	26	..	..	..	..
183	119	Molins	127	-1	11.3	8.9	5.4
132	54	Monk A.	128	+1	5.7	4.5	5.3
7	4	Montecatini	6	..	..	..	..
50	18	Montfort Knit	22	..	..	..	..
110½	66	More O'Ferrall	83	..	4.3	5.1	14.2
49½	14	Mettoy	35	+1	..e	..	..
140	56	Meyer Int	128	-2	5.0b	3.9	..
68	28	Midland Ind	41	-1	3.7	9.0	11.7
148	82	Milletts Leis	125	..	9.9	7.9	22.5

O—S

1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
530	280	Sotheby P.B.	473	-7	0.1	..	..
215	139½	Spirax-Sarco	196	+2	7.1b	3.6	15.6
49	14	Staffs Potts	41	..	0.0	..	..
119	86	Stag Furniture	107	..	7.1	6.7	28.8

T—Z

1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
82	49	Stakis PLC	79	..	2.5b	3.2	14.7
298	143½	Standard Tel	298	+8	8.6	2.9	23.1
74	37	Stanley A. G.	42	..	..	..	35.9
370	208	Steel Bros	370	..	16.4	4.4	8.6
222	127	Steetley Co	201	..	10.0b	5.0	31.3
114	25	Steinberg	100	..	0.0e	..	..
40	30	Streeters	32	+1	..	..	11.7
58	21	Strong & Fisher	38	..	2.4	6.3	..
176	91	Sunlight Serv	174	+3	6.0b	3.5	16.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

INSURANCE

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1982/83 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
69¾	40	Murray Clyde	65	..	2.0b	3.0	..
66	37½	Do 'B'	62	..	..	..	..
225	129	Murray Glend	214	+1	4.3b	2.0	..
118	68	Murray N'thn	112	..	2.8	2.5	..
114	65	Do 'B'	110	..	..	..	..
88¾	50¾	Murray West	79	..	2.7b	3.4	..

SHIPPING

MINES

OIL

PROPERTY

RUBBER

TEA

MISCELLANEOUS

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) June 7	Market rates (close) June 7	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.5660-1.5735	$1.5715-1.5725	0.09-0.04c prem	0.17-0.12c prem
Montreal	$1.9360-1.9439	$1.9405-1.9415	0.15-0.05c prem	0.25-0.15c prem
Amsterdam	4.50½-4.53½fl	4.52-4.53fl	1¼-1c prem	4-3⅝c prem
Brussels	80.30-80.70f	80.50-80.60f	4c prem-6c disc	8c prem-2c disc
Copenhagen	14.38-14.43k	14.40¾-14.41¾k	400-250ore disc	400-240ore disc
Dublin	1.2725-1.2800p	1.2760-1.2770p	50-65p disc	140-165p disc
Frankfurt	4.01½-4.04½m	4.03¾-4.04¾m	1⅞-1⅝pf prem	4¾-4½pf prem
Lisbon	159.25-162.00e	160.00-161.00e	380-1565c disc	603-2180c disc
Madrid	223.50-224.50p	224.05-224.25p	210-305c disc	750-820c disc
Milan	2363-2391lr	2387½-2389½lr	11½-14½lr disc	37½-41½lr disc
Oslo	11.35-11.40k	11.35½-11.36½k	280-390ore disc	810-930ore disc
Paris	12.09-12.13f	12.11¾-12.12¾f	2¼-3¼c disc	12-14c disc
Stockholm	11.97-12.01k	11.99-12.00k	15ore prem-65ore disc	165-260ore disc
Tokyo	376-380y	377¼-378¼y	120-1.02y prem	3.45-3.16y prem
Vienna	28.27-28.47sch	28.40-28.45sch	15-13gro prem	41-38gro prem
Zurich	3.32-3.35½f	3.34¼-3.35¼f	1¼-1⅛c prem	4⅞-4½c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was down 0.2 at 86.8

Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 10 Low 5

Week Fixed: 10

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9 15/16	2 months	9 13/16
3 months	9 13/16	3 months	9 11/16

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	10 1/32-10	1 month	10 21/32
2 months	9 15/16-9⅞	2 months	10 5/16
3 months	9⅞-9 13/16	3 months	10½
6 months	9 23/32-9 11/16	6 months	10 11/32

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10⅜-10¼	7 months	10⅝-10¼
2 months	10⅝-10⅜	8 months	10½-10¼
3 months	10⅝-10⅜	9 months	10⅝-10⅜
4 months	10⅝-10⅜	10 months	10⅝-10⅜
5 months	10⅝-10⅜	11 months	10⅝-10⅜
6 months	10½-10¼	12 months	10⅝-10⅜

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	10 7/32-10⅛	6 months	10 7/32-10 5/32
3 months	10¼-10 5/32	12 months	10¼-10 5/16

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	10	3 months	10¼
7 days	10	6 months	10⅜
1 month	10⅛	1 year	10½

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 10¼ Close 7

1 week	10 1/16-9 15/16	6 months	10⅜-10¼
1 month	10¼-10⅛	9 months	10 7/16-10 5/16
3 months	10¼-10⅛	12 months	10 7/16-10 5/16

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)

3 months 10¼ 6 months 10 7/16

Finance House Base Rate 10½%

Other Markets

Australia	1.7790-1.7940
Bahrein	0.5910-0.5940
Finland	8.6760-8.7160
Greece	131.45-133.45
Hongkong	11.8345-11.8745
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4580-0.4610
Malaysia	3.6310-3.6610
Mexico	225.00-260.00
New Zealand	2.3755-2.3855
Saudi Arabia	5.4080-5.4380
Singpore	3.3110-3.3410
South Africa	1.6990-1.7140

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.2305-1.2315
† Canada	1.2352-1.2356
Netherlands	2.8800-2.8810
Belgium	51.28-51.30
Denmark	9.1880-9.1930
West Germany	2.5685-2.5695
Portugal	101.00-102.00
Spain	142.50-142.60
Italy	1519.50-1520.50
Norway	7.2400-7.2450
France	7.7120-7.7150
Sweden	7.6300-7.6350
Japan	240.20-240.35
Austria	18.0725-18.0825
Switzerland	2.1270-2.1280

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1: US $0.8094-0.8097

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 8⅞-8¾; seven days, 9-8¾; one month, 9⅛-8⅞; three months, 9 11/16-9 9/16; six months, 9⅞-10.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $403.15 (an ounce); pm, $400.25 close, $400.75.
Krugerrand* (per coin): $412.5-414 (£262.5-263.5).
Sovereigns* (new): $94-95 (£59.75-60.50).
* Excludes VAT

North Sea offshoot keeps group in red

By John Lawless

Associated Fisheries has been finding increased profits in the North Sea – by repairing and servicing the oil industry.

Its engineering offshoot, Aberdeen Jig and Tool, has seen steady demand push half-time profits up by about two-thirds to £145,000.

But the rest of AF's results, published yesterday underline that its more traditional activities are still suffering.

On a turnover of £33.1m, AF turned in a trading profit of £694,000 – a more than doubling of last year's half-time figures, but the interim dividend remains unchanged at 0.25p.

There are simply too many United Kingdom trawlers chasing catches,

AF is hoping for government action soon – a future policy for the fleet having been thrashed out within the industry. In the meantime, though, it has reported fishing losses of £497,000, against £291,000 at the same time last year.

Providing no more substantial losses are made by its trawlers – and given trading conditions which follow their normal seasonal patterns – a year-end pretax profit should be unchanged at £1.85m.

AF sold off one of its cold storage depots, at Nine Elms, last year and although the market remains depressed, stores at Wolverhampton and Tewkesbury in particular marginally helped improve this division's trading profit to £435,000.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **Estate & Agency Holdings:** Pretax profits for 1982 jumped by 167 per cent to ££324,000. Earnings per ordinary share climbed from 0.29p to 3.75p. Net assets per ordinary share rose by 36 per cent to 190p. The yr's profits of £324,000 and the dividend of 2p net a share (against with 1981's 1p) compared with the forecasts of about £300,000 and 1.5p respecively made by the company last Sept.

Lake & Elliot
Half-Year to 31.3.83.
Pretax loss, £1.14(£445,000).
Turnover, £11.87m (£12m).
Net interim dividend, nil (1.0p).

Property & Reversionary Investments
Year to 31.3.83.
Pretax profit, £2.09(£2.32m).
Stated earnings, 5.8p (4.6p).
Net rental income, £2.58m(£2.41m).
Net dividend, 3.5p(3.3p).

Scotcros
Year to 31.3.83.
Pretax profit, £715,000(£200,000).
Stated earnings 5.0p(loss, 0.6p).
Turnover, £46.43m(£39.2m).
Net dividend, 5.51p(5.51p).

El Oro Mining & Exploration
Year to 31.12.82.
Pretax profit, £740,000 (£746,000).
Net dividend, 2.45p (2.1p), already paid.

Clyde Blowers
Year to 28.2.83.
Pretax profit, £98,000 (£245,000).
Stated earnings, 4.88p (12.27p).
Turnover, £1.98m (£2.01m).
Net interim dividend, 0.82p (0.82p).

Boost for McCorquodale

The Brazilian and South African subsidiaries of McCorquodale, the specialist printer, boosted its profits significantly in the last six months trading on which it reported yesterday.

Although the sterling/cruzerro exchange is deteriorating rapidly, the latest results inude an extraordinary credit of £660,000, which almost entirely stemmed from foreign money movements.

This unrealized profit on exchange arose from revaluing the group's overseas net assets and foreign currency liabilities at rates ruling at the end of March in place of those at the end of September last year.

But whilst sales were up to £55.7m, against £49.1m at the same time last year, trading profit dipped to £2.95m from £3.23m. Pretax profit rose 16 per cent to £3.5m.

Scott and Robertson hit by merger losses

By Jeremy Walker

Scott and Robertson of Dundee has had to provide £300,000 against losses incurred by its jute fibre interests since they were merged with those of the Co-operative Wholesale Society last August.

The interests were merged into a new jointly-owned company called Tay Spinners and control entrusted to an independent executive board drawn from both the former companies.

Mr James Jardine, chairman of Scott and Robertson, said yesterday that severe trading losses had been incurred since the merger. "We have been forced to make changes," he said.

In the year to the end of last February, the company turned losses of £109,000 in the previous 12 months into pretax profits of £92,000. However,

Scott and Robertson
Year to 25.2.83
Pretax profit £92,000 (loss £109,000)
Stated earnings 1.7p (0.34p)
Turnover £17.54m (£20.46m)
Net final dividend 0.75p (same)

this was transformed into a huge loss below the line by an extraordinary debit of £567,000, which takes account of the £300,000 provision against Tay Spinners.

A better start had been made, Mr Jardine said, to the present year by all the groups' subsidiaries, but results were likely to be further affected by the problems at Tay Spinners.

The company was no longer predominantly an industrial textiles concern, but now had a wide range of interests in the packaging field as well as its traditional jute and polypropylene interests, he said.

WALL STREET

	June 6	June 3
AMF Inc	17¾	16¾
AMR	30	28⅞
Allied Chem	50	48⅝
Allied Stores	48¼	47⅞
Allis Chalmers	17	18½
Alcoa	38¼	37⅞
Amax Inc	28⅞	29
Amerada Hess	28	28⅞
Am Brands	51	48¼
Am Broadcast	65	62
Am Can	44⅞	45½
Am Cyanamid	46⅝	48⅛
Am Elec Power	19⅝	19¼
Am Home	45¼	43
Am Motors	9½	9⅛
Am Nat Res	37¼	37½
Am Standard	37⅞	35½
Am Telephone	64⅝	65⅜
Armco Steel	18½	19
Asarco	39⅝	41
Ashland Oil	34⅛	34⅛
Atlntc Richfield	44⅝	45⅞
Avco	33⅝	34¼
Avon Products	33	33¼
Bankers Tst NY	46⅛	45½
Bank of America	24⅝	24⅞
Bank of Boston	45⅞	44⅞
Bank of NY	65⅛	65
Beatrice Foods	27⅞	27⅛
Bethlehem Steel	24⅝	24⅛
Boeing	43⅞	40
Boise Cascade	45	45½
Borden	54⅝	55¼
Borg Warner	33	32½
Bristol Myers	38½	37¼
BP	34	24⅛
Burlington Ind	37	35⅞
Burlington Nthn	89⅛	88⅞
Burroughs	53½	53½
Campbell Soup	50⅞	50½
Canadian Pacific	36¼	36⅛
Caterpillar	46⅞	47
Celanese	64	62⅝
Central Soya	15¼	16⅛
Chase Manhat	56⅞	57⅛
Chem Bank NY	52⅞	53¼
Chrysler	28⅞	27⅞
Citicorp	41⅝	42
Clark Equip	33⅜	32
Coca Cola	54⅝	55
Colgate	23⅞	23
CBS	69⅞	68⅝
Columbia Gas	32¼	30¼
Combustion Eng	36⅞	35⅞
Comwlth Edison	27⅞	27½
Cons Edison	22¼	22¼
Cons Foods	42¾	42
Cons Power	20⅝	20½
Continental Grp	43⅞	43⅞
Control Data	57⅞	57¼
Corning Glass	86	87¼
CPC Intnl	39	39½
Crane	29¼	30¼
Crocker Int	33⅞	33⅞
Crown Zeller	31⅞	32¼
Dart & Kraft	69¼	70⅛
Deere	37	37
Delta Air	45⅝	43¼
Detroit Edison	15⅛	15⅛
Disney	72	73¼
Dow Chemical	34	34
Dresser Ind	20⅝	20½
Duke Power	22⅞	23
Du Pont	48½	48¼
Eastern Air	8½	8¼
Eastman Kodak	73¼	74⅛
Eaton Corp	43	42⅝
El Paso Nat Gas	16¼	16⅞
Esmark	67½	67½
Evans P. D.	11⅞	11⅝
Exxon Corp	33⅝	33⅞
Fed Dept Stores	62½	61⅞
Firestone	20¼	20¼
Fst Chicago	25⅛	25½

	June 6	June 3
Fst Intrst Bncp	42⅞	41⅛
Fst Penn Corp	7	7
Ford	53¼	51⅛
GAF Corp	17⅛	17½
GTE Corp	43⅞	42⅝
Gen Dynamics	55	54⅞
Gen Electric	54⅞	54⅝
Gen Foods	43⅝	45¼
Gen Mills	56⅞	56⅞
Gen Motors	69¼	68⅞
Gen Pub Util NY	9½	9⅛
Gen Tire	35⅞	35⅞
Genesco	9½	9⅛
Georgia Pacific	28⅞	29⅛
Getty Oil	65	65⅛
Gillette	44½	44⅞
Goodrich	42⅞	41⅛
Goodyear	33⅝	33
Gould Inc	48⅞	48
Grace	48⅞	48¼
Gt Atlte & Pacific	10⅛	11
Greyhound	23½	22¼
Grumman Corp	57⅞	60
Gulf Oil	35⅞	35⅛
Gulf & West	28⅛	28⅞
Heinz H. J.	44¼	44⅝
Hercules	38⅞	38⅞
Honeywell	116⅛	113
IC Inds	45½	45½
Ingersoll	46¼	46⅛
Inland Steel	31⅞	31½
IBM	115⅜	114
Int Harvester	9¼	9⅛
INCO	15	15
Int Paper	58	57½
Int Tel Tel	38⅛	38⅛
Irving Bank	50⅛	50
Jewel Co	48⅞	49⅛
Jim Walter	45⅛	44⅞
Johnson & John	47¼	47⅞
Kaiser Alumin	20	19⅝
Kerr McGee	34½	35¼
Kimberly Clark	85¼	85⅛
K Mart	32⅞	31⅞
Kruger	38⅛	38
L.T.V. Corp	16⅛	16½
Litton	68⅞	68⅞
Lockheed	120⅛	117¼
Lucky Stores	23½	22⅞
Manuf Hanover	46½	45¾
Manville Cp	15½	15¼
Mapco	26¼	25⅛
Marine Midland	28½	28⅛
Martin Marietta	59½	58¼
McDonnell	56	56½
Mead	29⅞	30½
Merck	84⅝	84⅛
Minnesota Mng	87½	87¼
Mobil Oil	29¼	28⅛
Monsanto	86¼	84⅛
Morgan J. P.	76⅛	76½
Motorola	130½	128¼
NCR Corp	122½	120⅛
NL Industries	16⅝	17½
Nabisco	38¼	38¼
Nat Distillers	30½	30⅛
Nat Med Ent	28¼	28⅞
Nat Steel	27⅛	27⅞
Norfolk South	55⅛	55⅞
NW Bancorp	35½	35⅞
Norton Simon	30½	29⅛
Occidental Pet	23½	24
Ogden	31⅛	31⅛
Olin Corp	29⅛	29⅛
Owens-Illinois	35¼	35⅛
Pacific Gas Elec	31⅞	32
Pan Am	6⅛	6⅛
Penney J. C.	57½	57⅞
Pennzoil	38½	38¼
Pepsico	36⅞	36⅞
Pfizer	77⅛	76⅞
Phelps Dodge	28⅛	30
Philip Morris	58	57
Phillips Petrol	33⅛	33¼

	June 6	June 3
Polaroid	28⅛	28⅛
PPG Ind	65⅞	64½
Proctor Gamble	56⅞	56⅛
Pub Ser El & Gas	25⅛	25⅛
Raytheon	56⅛	52⅞
RCA Corp	28⅛	28⅛
Republic Steel	24½	24⅞
Reynolds Ind	58¼	58½
Reynolds Metal	33⅛	32⅞
Rockwell Int	37⅞	37⅞
Royal Dutch	41⅛	41⅞
Safeways	27⅞	27⅞
St Regis Paper	34⅞	34
Santa Fe Ind	28⅛	28
SCM	38⅞	39
Schlumberger	47⅞	47⅞
Scott Paper	24⅛	24⅛
Seagram	31½	31½
Sears Roebuck	39⅝	39⅝
Shell Oil	42	42½
Shell Trans	33½	33
Signal Co	36	34¼
Singer	32	32¼
Sony	15¼	15⅛
Sth Cal Edison	37½	37⅛
Southern Pacific	70⅛	68⅛
Sperry Corp	38⅛	38⅛
Std Oil Californa	35⅞	36⅛
Std Oil Indiana	46	48⅛
Std Oil Ohio	47	47
Sterling Drug	25	24½
Stevens J. P.	23	22⅞
Sun Comp	39⅛	39⅞
Teledyne	155½	153⅞
Tenneco	37⅞	37⅛
Texaco	34⅛	34⅛
Texas East Corp	52⅞	65⅛
Texas Inst	165	163½
Texas Utilities	24½	24½
Textron	34⅞	34½
TWA	29	30⅞
Travelers Corp	28⅛	30⅛
TRW Inc	73⅞	74
UAL Inc	33½	34
Union Carbide	69⅞	69½
Union Oil Calif	34	34
Un Pacific Corp	55½	55½
Uniroyal	14	14⅛
United Brands	18½	17¼
US Industries	16¼	16⅛
US Steel	25⅛	25⅛
Utd Technol	76⅛	76⅞
Wachovia	48½	48⅛
Warner Commns	29⅛	29⅛
Warner Lambert	28⅞	28⅞
Wells Fargo	38⅛	37⅞
Westinghse Elec	50⅛	50⅛
Weyerhauser	40½	39⅞
Whirlpool	49⅝	49⅝
Woolworth	32	32
Xerox Corp	47⅛	47⅞
Zenith	24⅞	24
Canadian Prices		
Abitibi	24⅛	24⅛
Alcan Alumin	41	42½
Algoma Steel	30⅛	31⅛
Bell Telephone	27⅛	26⅛
Cominco	53⅛	53½
Cons Bathurst	22⅞	22⅞
Gulf Oil	16⅛	16⅛
Hawker/Sid Can	20⅞	20½
Hudson Bay Mm	18⅛	18½
Imasco	33	33¼
Imperial Oil	34⅞	35⅛
Int Pipe	28	28
Mass.-Fergsn	6½	6½
Royal Trust	26⅛	26⅛
Seagram	39⅞	39½
Steel Co	28⅛	28⅛
Thomson N 'A'	37½	37½
Walker Hiram	28⅞	28⅞
WCT	14⅛	14⅞

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Shorts near to clinching £32m aircraft order

New business worth £32m was negotiated by Shorts, the Belfast aerospace company, at the recent Paris Air Show, Sir Philip Foreman, the chairman, said in Ulster yesterday.

The new contracts, still to be finalized, are orders from operators for Shorts' best-selling 330 and 360 commuter airliners.

But is is believed that the "launch" customer for the new Short Sherpa, a freighter and military transport derivative, of the 330, was also signed up at the Paris show

Margins and orders will put Sumrie profits right

By Jonathan Clare

Sumrie Clothes, the Leeds maker of men's suits, should return to profit this year after a big reduction in its losses over the past 12 months,

The Tillman Group, the company of Mr Harold Tillman, who made a successful 65p share offer for Sumrie in April, will be injected into the company during the present year.

Mr Tillman, and his colleagues, control 46 per cent of Sumrie's shares, a further 11 per cent are in the hands of a

Sumrie Clothes
Year to 2.4.83
Pretax Loss £1,000 (Loss £84,000)
Stated Loss 1.98p (6.17p)
Turnover £2.6m (£2.8m)
Net total dividend 1.5p (same)
Share price 105p, down 1p Yield 2%

Monaco company called Le Chevalerique, the true indentity of which remains unclear.

The improvement in results stems from bette orders, economy measures and the cutting of overheads.

The results include a £16,000 loss from the retail subsidiary

On election eve, Graham Searjeant assesses policies that will affect job-queues

Making the Williamsburg strategy work

The only clear consensus to emerge from the general election campaign is that unemployment – and how to cure it – is the biggest issue on which voters have to decide Britain's national strategy tomorrow. With only slightly less consensus, it has emerged that roughly half Britain's rising unemployment stemmed from government policies (or Britain's special long-run problems) and half from the worst world recession since the 1930s.

There was, therefore, more than a touch of irony when, only after long heart-searching, Mrs Thatcher decided to make a hurried overnight visit to the Williamsburg summit as an interruption to the election campaign. For if the election was to set the course for policy on domestically generated unemployment then the summit was its nearest equivalent in setting global policy on the world slump and how to handle recovery.

There is no reason to think that global strategies will have any more or less effect on the job queues than policies pursued after the election at home.

Whatever happens tomorrow, Mrs Thatcher's cures certainly prevailed at Williamsburg. The message of the seven leaders' communiqué, as from the talks themselves, was that only vigilance against inflation, sound money, cuts in "structural" budget deficits through controlled spending on transfer payments and lower interest rates will make room for a natural and enduring economic recovery.

Indeed, with the possible and vital exception of exchange rate targets, the advanced countries have adopted a version of Sir Geoffrey Howe's medium-term financial strategy. They have also recommended it – via the banks and the International Monetary Fund – to other countries, from Brazil to Holland, not privileged to sit round the summit table.

Yet the Williamsburg communiqué remains a more intriguing and unpredictable economic document than the Conservative Party manifesto.

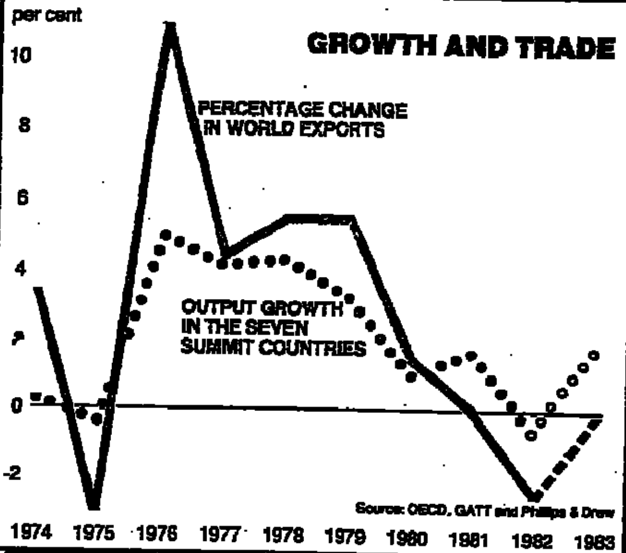
The summit had been unlike any other in its build-up. Instead of mere arguments about what one or other country should do, it faced an agenda for joint agreement to reform the international financial system, beyond the scope of national action even by the United States.

The debt crisis, backdoor protection, wildly fluctuating interest and exchange rates, all the detritus of recession, could slow down recovery by inhibiting investment in advanced countries and keeping Third World markets depressed. Slow recovery would make no impact on unemployment or poverty and possibly abort the whole process after the first stage.

Figures as diverse as New Zealand's Mr Robert Muldoon, Japan's Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, ex-Chancellor Herr Helmut Schmidt and French leaders past and present formulated variously ambitious programmes to clear away this debris.

Long before the summit, the possibilities of sterile debate on reflation versus sound money had disappeared in favour of a divide between international reformers and the American view that recovery would itself gather sufficient strength to sweep away these apparent obstacles.

The final communiqué addressed all these obstacles. Indeed, given a startling lack of specific pledges, it reads not unlike the eight guidelines set out in advance by Herr Schmidt. It focuses on the need to cut interest rates and bring economic policies closer to stabilize the five main currencies; it expresses determination to halt the trend to protection and reverse it "as recovery proceeds", to coordinate intervention in foreign exchange markets when needed, and bolster the IMF and other international agencies to stop the debt crisis getting out of hand.



Only negotiations with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to stabilize oil prices and the so-called "new Bretton Woods" conference to establish semi-fixed exchange rates went firmly onto the back burner.

Yet this was enough to convert President Mitterand, the most vocally sceptical summeteer, to the idea that these meetings are splendidly useful after all. So far, the facts hardly support such optimism. The overvalued dollar has kept rising against most currencies other than the poll-boosted pound.

Interest rates in the United States have actually edged up. Yet the French have remained buoyant since their return to Paris to embark on another round of enforced austerity. There is, they are convinced, a change in the atmosphere, brought about by a belated but genuine American understanding of the need to shore up Third World trade and of the reality of the threats to world recovery.

But will this intangible change of atmosphere actually mean anything?

The dollar and US interest rates provide an early test. The dollar is strong for the usual reason, that the budget deficit is boosting money supply and interest rates. To reverse this in the short-term, the authorities would have to say they were unconcerned about the money figures, or take other action to curb them, push against any rise in rates and act with the countries of the European Monetary System on the exchanges.

In practise, Mr Martin Feldstein, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, has merely made a prepared speech saying that the "the recent rapid growth of the MI money suppy is a serious concern. The money stock must not be allowed to go on expanding at its recent pace".

In the longer run there are also problems over interest rates. The US position is confused. For instance, Mr Donald Regan, the Treasury Secretary has opined that the budget deficit has little to do with high interest rates. The more general stance is that recovery will itself help cut rates, contrary to traditional thinking. Output will catch up with money. Cuts in unemployment will trim the budget. And inflationary expectations, which traditionally overhang interest rates for some time, will be swept away.

This might offer scope for joint action through the more regular planned consultations of the top five finance ministers and the managing director of the IMF. Coordinated moves to cut interest rates simultaneously as output curbs inflation might have little effect on money or foreign exchange markets, especially after the important expressions of confidence in recovery sent out by the summit.

Otherwise, the ministerial meetings to coordinate policy may start with some lean sessions. In the United States, the tax/welfare/defence impasse between White House and Congress over the budget could continue until the presidential election.

Europe, has some way to go before economic growth passes the threshold – 3 to 4 per cent – where it might have some impact on unemployment, not only in Britain but also in deficit-ridden Italy and the Benelux countries.

The key issue in convergence remains whether an agreement to manage currencies within agreed bands would be the spur to more compatible economic policies or can only follow them.

Mr Nakasone has stressed that exchange rate fluctuations are behind protectionism and therefore shrinking world trade, which used to the biggest single stimulus to Third World development.

As yet, output growth has yet to pass the point at which it might again stimulate instead of depressing world trade. The volume of trade and commodity prices, along with interest rates remain the keys to unlocking the debt crisis outside the advanced industrial nations. Countries like Brazil and some oil producers still face sharp falls in activity.

Again, unemployment is vital. Regardless of economic progress, high unemployment will provide a spur to protectionist measures, which were growing up until the weekend of the summit. If ministers can hold the line despite unemployment, they might bridge that vital gap to sustained recovery.

As Britain and the United States lead recovery, then West Germany and Japan get moving later this year, there should be few doubts about a growing return to economic health, unemployment aside next year.

The problems will arise when the short-term cycle peaks, perhaps in 1985. Unless world trade and the finances of developing countries have been sorted out by then, the Williamsburg strategy will be sorely tested.

Financial notebook

Gossip that mars the City's image

Bouncing share prices have spurred the Takeover Panel to remind companies and bankers that it is no longer City practice to gossip about bids before they are actually announced.

It is the sort of thing which tarnishes the City's image and, while Professor Jim Gower reviews Britain's protection for the ordinary investor, the image is quite important.

Buying shares on price sensitive information known by only a few can be unfair to ordinary shareholders and tends sometimes to create false markets. It is also illegal.

The law against it was passed three years ago this month.

As with the legislation outlawing "Concert parties" – those who buy shares separately and in secret to use them as one holding later – proof was always the worry.

Neither the law on insider dealing nor in concert parties has ever been tested. The three insider dealing cases to date have been guilty and no concert party charges have ever been brought.

The last Parliamentary question requesting the number of cases under investigation was two years ago.

Assessing whether the City itself takes the legislation seriously is difficult. Preliminary investigations into share price movements are carried out by the Stock Exchange.

Their quotations committee decides whether the movement in the share prices was normal or information-inspired.

If they feel buying was heavier than would normally have been expected and that a *prime facia* case of insider dealing exists, the papers are passed to the Department of Trade.
But the Exchange has long since stopped making public statements on which inquiries have been passed to the DoT. The practice seems short sighted and a dangerous precedent.

While appreciating the need to maintain anonymity of individuals and firms with possible involvement in investigation, there seems little harm in identifying the name of the company whose share dealings are being probed.

The exchange now merely gives the numbers of investigations. In the 12 months to March inquiriesinto abnormal price movements rose from 3,267 to 3,753. But the number eventually passed to the Department of Trade dropped from 21 to 18.

Whether this shows fewer cases of insider dealing or acute difficulty in gaining evidence for such a charge must be left to conjecture.

The Department of Trade issues no statistics at all. But it is generally believed that there are several dozen cases currently under investigation.

This reluctance to discuss an issue which benefits a few at the expense of the majority must surely harm the City's reputation.

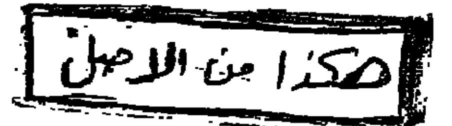
The most important commodity in the stock market is information. Bull markets tend to heighten insider dealing and takeover activity is reaching the hottest levels for years.

Buying on takeover information tips is inextricably linked with buying or selling on information like profits figures or trading not covered under the Takeover Panel's remit.

This is one for the Stock Exchange. It may take the cynical view that insider dealing will never be stopped; It is an intrinsic part of the system.

But given the current political interest in that institution's affairs, it would seem some small help to the workings of the City for it to offer some public support to the Panel's attempts at plugging the leaks.

Philip Robinson



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The South African issue

Sporting boycott has reached limit of its effectiveness

DAVID MILLER

On a recent trip to South Africa to look at the extent of racial integration in sport and to discuss with many individuals, of all political persuasions, the question of the continuing international boycott, I went out to dinner one evening with a prominent coloured Springbok sportsman and his wife.

We were staying at the same hotel in Cape Town, and a receptionist recommended a certain restaurant. Unwittingly, we entered a different one, where we were shown to a table by a young waiter and sat down. Two minutes later he returned and asked us to leave.

Why, I asked? Because the manager said we must. Why? Because the restaurant did not have an international licence. Why did not the manager tell us himself? He was busy. The waiter was increasingly embarrassed, the more so when I insisted we would not leave unless the manager gave an explanation – which he drudgingly did: a thickset, elderly boorish man who feebly said he was hoping for a licence but right now me must go because he had "several attorneys dining at another table".

Reexamination

As we left, politely saying we hoped he knew somewhere quiet to go if and when the revolution arrived, three other diners who had overheard the exchange said to me that I did not understand the problem, that it was difficult to explain. I said I agreed that any satisfactory explanation was indeed difficult.

Fortunately, that is not the end of the story. We crossed the street to another restaurant, where we had an excellent meal, with service and attention which would have been a credit to Claridges, and as we left the waiter and the proprietor, both white, were waiting to ask for the autograph of the man who, if the International Olympic Committee would relent, is capable of winning an Olympic medal. They had recognized him, and not only congratulated him but invited him back "whenever you can come, and bring your friend."

Incidents such as this persuaded me on a social and political as well as a sporting basis that the South African argument needed re-examination, and I went there for the first time from a starting point of complete conviction that the boycott stance was morally correct; that the end – the amendment of the many hated segregation laws implementing apartheid – justified the means.

What became apparent were two unmistakable factors: that there is an approximate dividing line among whites, somewhere between the age of 30 and 40, separating the old "superior white" attutude and the liberal thinking of a modern generation which is awake to morality and reality, and that if a bloody revolution is to be avoided, then the best interest of the non-white in South Africa will now be served by readmitting if not all then certainly some of the major sports such as football, athletics and boxing, into the international arena.

This interpretation of the present state of social evolution may be particularly relevant in the light of forthcoming events: the special meeting of MCC to discuss sending an official tour, the court case brought by the South African Athletic Union against the IAAf for illegal suspension, and the decision to be taken by a new president on next year's projected rugby tour by England.

The readmission of South Africa internationally, even on selected fronts only, would have the effect of altering that erroneous concept which the majority of the rest of the world has of an exclusively white orientated country. I believe that the outside world is now tending to look at the isolation issue from totally the wrong aspect – whether the white man has made sufficient concessions and compromises in a hated administration to be given back his ball, his much-prized privileged membership of various international clubs, rather than whether the black coloured man can use the sporting platform to help create for his country a multiracial image such as Brazil's which will internationally dignify his ethnic race, expand his self-respect and prestige, while internally accelerating social and political changes already in motion and ensuring they are irreversible.

This view will be said by the committed forces of the left to be naive; that the non-white can never achieve dignity and prestige while he is denied, outside sport, so many freedoms. To which one can only answer that other than by the bullet and the bomb the changes which the outside world, and liberal South African whites, demand for that country can only be achieved by evoltionary degrees; that the external sporting boycott has now reached the *absolute limit* of its political effectiveness and is about to become rapidly counter-productive in encouraging reactionary right-wing extremism by the Conservative and Afrikaaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) opposition parties to the National (increasingly liberal) government.

Lip service

While it was apparent travelling to half a dozen different cities that some white still speak with forked tongue; that they pay lip service to integration without actually believing in it; that they now grudgingly acknowledge the inhumanities they could equally well have seen 25 years ago without the encouragement of external pressure, it is abundantly obvious too that double standards exist in the United Nations – backed left wing lobby which is determined that South Africa shall be excluded everywhere at all cost. What could be more hypocritical than the stand of the French government banning the rugby tour, while permitting the government supported Renault team to compete in the South African Grand Prix?

When I inverviewed Hassan Howa, the former secretary of the South African Council of Sport and a militant opponent now of all cricket tours, he was quick to point out that many of the greatest sportsmen in history, Owens, Louis, Pele, Ali and Sobers, could never have emerged had they been born in South Africa. Not in the past certainly, but now they could: and what force of argument, what international identity could be exerted for the oppressed majority by the sporting South African equivalent of a Lech Walesa. It is now difficult to avoid the conclusion that, within sport, the racialism, in South Africa is exhibited among non-whites.

Additional problems for sport are twofold: that the majority of those foreigners who seek to get South Africa readmitted are either of a conspiciously right wing allegiance, such as John Carlisle and his friends in the Freedom in Sport organization, or are professionally orientated with a vested interest in the financial potential of the South African market.

It is stretching credibility to suppose that they are all deeply and sincerely concerned with the welfare of the Johannesburg diamond mine dormitory dwelling labourer who sees his family in his homeland for a few weeks in the year, or with the one black child who dies of malnutrition every 15 minutes. Though I grant them the possibility that they may be.

There is unfortunately no chance, now and in the future, to separate sport and politics. It suits the political left to focus on white South Africa contravention of human rights as a counterbalance to the extremism of Eastern Europe, Central Africa and elsewhere, and they are vastly more successful in practice, for no other country is scrutinized to the same degree for sporting acceptance or rejection. Yet the outside world – the IOC which refuses to send a commmission of investigation, having promised to do so if South Africa withdrew its request at the Baden-Baden congress for readmission – is not aware of the extent to which the present government is trying to move progressively left.

A white Stellenbosch University-educated economist said to me on a flight from Durban: "We on the liberal, middle ground would like the government to have moved much farther and faster, but had they done so, the reaction from the extreme right would have become dangerous. One of these days, the black man is going to run this country."

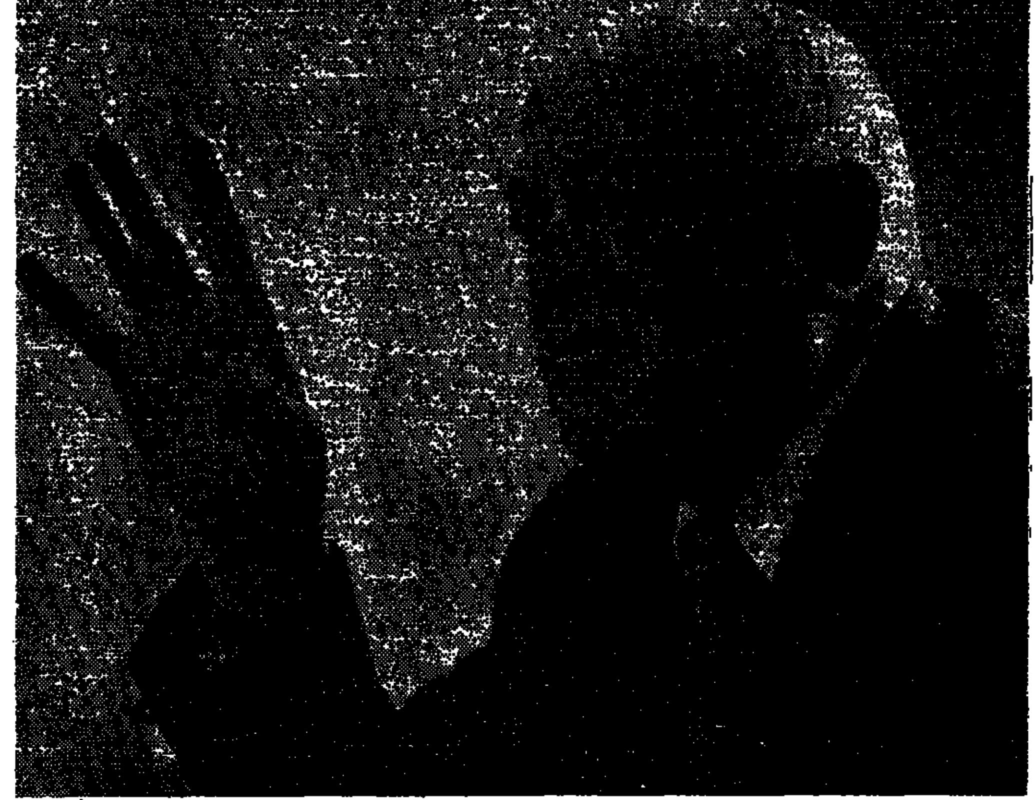
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The Pretoria Council may have closed the city parks in the worst imaginable piece of public relations, but the fact is that South Africa has had black presidents in its non-racial football and cricket adminstrations, a black vice-president in athletics, which is rather more than you can imagine happening in England for some years to come. The Botha government is committed to spending £300m on sport over the next five years, the majority of it to the benefit of non-whites – a practical demonstration of the shift in ideology which lies behind the projected presedential council embracing coloured and Asian prime ministers under an executive president.

Dr Danie Craven, for almost 30 years the leader of South African rugby, has survived attempts by the secret Broederbond society to dominate rugby, because his international contacts became crucial after isolation – though the Broederbond still attempt to influence the choice of captain. Craven, who personally apologised to Basil d'Oliveira when he was banned by Prime Minister Vorster, has battled to embrace all races in rugby.

But Craven believes the onus is now on England to rationalize world opinion on South African sport, if all the changes that have been made to the advantage of the non-white are not be be wasted. "We in sport have thrown open all the doors, fought our government and now the people who should be on our side are fighting against us. If I let my emotions out, I would hate England for the way she has turned, but I'm proud of my English background. Everywhere I go, people are waiting for England to ive the lead, but they won't wait for ever. The English influence is still there, but where is the leadership?"

Tomorrow: The SACOS case for isolation, and the answer.



Dr Craven: "The people who should be on our side are fighting against us"

BOXING

Warren insists he is still in charge

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

No matter where Joe Bugner goes in the next 18 months he will find, like it or not, Frank Warren standing by to collect his 25 per cent as his manager. Even though Bugner took on Marvis Frazier in Atlantic City on Saturday without his manager's permission and has not told him where he plans to go next, Warren maintians: "I'm still his manager. And where he fights I will lodge my contract with the commision of that place." Bugner may find Warren sticking closer to him over the 18 months the contract still has to run than young Frazier did over 10 rounds.

But Warren insisted that it was not the 25 per cent that mattered so much as the principle. He said that if he let Bugner get away with arranging his contests other boxers could get ideas and go their own way too. Ray Clarke, the secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, concurred: "We would lose all our fighters in 12 months" he said.

The Frazier bout had been arranged, Warren claimed, by Bugner's wife Marlene who, according to Warren, had no standing with either the British board or the New Jersey State Athletic Commission under whose auspices the Atlantic City bout was held. "The two fights made by Marlene he's lost, Earnie Shavers and now Marvis Frazier" Warren said. "He had no business taking on this up and coming young fighter. Now who wants to know about Bugner? It just goes to prove that amateurs should not be allowed to make fights. It is extremely dangerous for the well being of the boxer."

Of his purse of $75,000 Bugner has $31,000 left. The Federal Government has taken $23,000, $18,000 has been withheld by the New Jersey commission pending an inquiry in two week's time, and $3,000 has gone in training expenses.

Now there is only one contest left for Bugner, Warren admitted. Against Frank Bruno. But the London promoter, who is suing "certain papers" for libel, made it clear that should any other promoter feel inclined to swoop on his boxer, he also would have to reckon with his legal eagles.

"It is a pity that he went ahead like that" Warren said "I had a fight lined up in South Africa with John Tate for £120,000. If he had stayed here, what with Pierce giving up his heavyweight title claim he would have fought for the British title and got nomination for the European and been on his way to a world title fight. Warren said that he had even been prepared to pay any money that might have been outstanding to Bugner's first wife, Melody.

While Warren was in the United States he fixed up bouts for his other top boxers, Roy Gumbs and Keith Wallace, who challenge for the European title on June 17.

Gumbs meets Marvin Hagler's brother Robbie Simms, in Atlantic City in the hope, possibly, that if Gumbs thumps Simms, Hagler may feel inclined to thump Gumbs. On the night that Gumbs defends his British and Commonwealth title against the unbeaten West Ham middleweight, Marc Kaylor, Wallace mixes it with the world ranked Juan "Little Monkey" Diaze. Though why Warren is taking on this tough Mexican who stopped Magri, is difficult to imagine, as after winning the European title Wallace will be in line for Magri's world title anyway.

● Paris (AP) – The World Boxing Council has decided to ask their middleweight champion, Marvin Hagler, to a meeting to determine if he has abandoned the WBC title, the council president, Jose Sulaiman, has announced. Hagler has refused to accept WBC rules that call for 12-round rather than the traditional 15-round bouts.

GOLF

Opening for Parkin

A total of 1,107 players, slightly fewer than last year, have entered next month's Open championship at Royal Birkdale. The retiring Royal and Ancient secretary, Keith Mackenzie, described the field as "The highest quality ever seen in Britain".

The number of players exempt from qualifying is 70, including the newly-crowned Amateur champion, Philip Parkin, and the winner of the US Open later this month. Another 10 could come from the State Express Classic at the Belfry in the week before the Open.

A further 303 are exempt from regional qualifying and they will be joined in the final qualifying competition by the 197 players who come through the area rounds.

Because of the new handicapping system there are only 103 amateurs entered, over 100 fewer than last year, but the total number of countries represented has gone up from 25 to 29. The best-known names who have already informed Mackenzie that they will not be coming over are the Americans, Bruce, Lietzke, Andy North and Lou Graham, and the Japanese, Izao Aoki.

● Peter McEvoy has the chance to reestablish his high standing after a period of indifferent form when he plays for England in the European men's amateur team championship at Chantilly, June 22 to 26. McEvoy, the Amateur champion in 1977 and 1978, is preferred to Peter Deeble who, despite some fine play this year, is listed as a non-travelling reserve.

TEAM: G Marks (non-playing captain), P Hedges, S Keppler, P McEvoy, A Oldcorn, J Plaxton, M Thompson. Non-travelling reserves: P Deeble, A Sherbourne, C Banks.

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Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

1982/83 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorized Unit Trusts			
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
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1982/83 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
166.8	81.9	American Fnd	168.8	178.8	1.10
101.1	100.8	Australian Fnd	95.1	101.2	2.40
279.3	209.5	Brit Cap Fnd	264.8	287.2	6.66
123.2	81.8	European Fnd	113.4	122.1	1.81
114.3	109.5	Japan Fund	113.8	122.5	0.03
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1982/83 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Pension Fund Prices			
185.1	121.2	Property Acc	185.1	194.9	..
329.1	223.2	Managed Acc	329.1	346.4	..
198.6	178.6	Guarantee Acc	198.6	209.1	..
240.9	168.9	Equity Acc	240.0	252.7	..
198.4	138.6	Fixed Int Acc	198.4	208.0	..
110.1	97.2	Index Sec Acc	104.5	110.6	..
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1982/83 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Property Growth Pensions & Annuities Ltd.			
251.1	196.7	All-Weather Ac	243.5	256.3	..
281.9	216.0	Investment Fnd	..	274.5	..
245.5	203.2	Pension Fnd	..	245.5	..
279.1	224.1	Conv Pen Fnd	..	279.1	..
257.4	179.0	Do Pen Cap	..	211.3	..
325.0	219.2	Man Pen Fnd	..	325.0	..
256.8	182.0	Do Pen Cap	..	235.8	..
272.3	209.8	Prop Pen Fnd	..	272.3	..
209.1	181.4	Do Pen Cap	..	209.1	..
244.4	201.9	Bldg Soc Pen	..	244.4	..
190.2	165.3	Do Capital	..	190.2	..
165.9	116.2	Gilt Pen Fund	..	165.3	..
147.0	107.8	Do Pen Cap	..	148.5	..
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Embury hoists Middlesex to top of the table

By Richard Streeton

DARTFORD: Middlesex (21 pts) beat Kent (8) by four wickets.

Middlesex needed all the resolution they could summon after being left 151 to make on a wearing pitch. Underwood took six wickets but lacked the necessary support at the other end. Barlow and Gatting were the batting stalwarts as Middlesex moved slowly to their target. This vicotory puts Middlesex on top of the county table.

Kent had every reason to rue their collapse on Monday against Emburey, who bowled better than anyone else in the game. The pitch only yeilded slow turn and there was an awkward spot at one end but batting at times was made to look harder than it should have been. Emburey finished with six for 13 as Kent's last four wickets fell in 40 minutes and underlined the gap between himself and other English off-spinners.

There was the rare sight at the end of Kent's innings of both batsman with runners when Woolmer (broken toe), accompanied by Taylor, joined Cowdrey (bruised foot) who had Benson running for him. It was R. C. Robertson-Glasgow, I think, who in similar circumstances, once claimed to have witnessed a run out, in which all four men finished at one end.

He used to add, wistfully, that he would have liked to have been able to say that it was the two runners who departed but that it had not quite happened like that. Cowdrey cleared the congestion this time when he was caught at slip and went off to have an x-ray examination to his foot. It disclosed a chipped bone and like Woolmer he will be out of the game for a fortnight.

Underwood, who is 38 today, finished with match figures of 10 for 124, the fortythird time he has taken 10 or more wickets in a match. He shared the new ball with Jarvis and after changing ends bowled two further spells with all his customary variations. Kent's hopes flickered briefly in late afternoon when Butcher, Gatting and Emburey, fell in six overs as six runs were added.

Barlow, the miseries of last season behind him, led the tenacious Middlesex display after Slack, beaten through the air, was stumped for the second day in succession. Radley nudged and pushed runs before he was beaten by a quicker ball as he tried to cut. Gatting began with great care but Barlow drove and pulled with growing confidence against Johnson.

Barlow's fine innings ended after two hours and a half when he played a ball onto his boot and was well caught at point by Aslett, a substitute. With an eye on some threatening clouds, Butcher and Gatting played several forceful strokes before Butcher skied a catch to mid-on. Gatting, playing forward edged a catch to second slip and Emburey fell to a ball that kept low.

KENT: First innings 350 for 6 dec (R A Woolmer 118, A P E Knott 92 not out)

Second innings

N R Taylor b Emburey	29
L Potter c Barlow b Emburey	14
*C J Tavaré l-b-w b Emburey	5
M R Benson c Cowans b Edmonds	2
G W Johnson c Tomlins b Emburey	0
†A P E Knott c Radley b Edmonds	6
D L Underwood c Radley b Edmonds	15
K B S Jarvis c Slack b Emburey	7
R M Ellison b Emburey	0
C S Cowdrey c Butcher b Edmonds	2
R A Woolmer not out	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 2, n-b 4)	7
Total	87

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–47, 2–50, 3–55, 4–55, 5–56, 6–64, 7–79, 8–85, 9–85, 10–87.

BOWLING: Cowans 3–1–15–0; Williams 8–1–15–0; Edmonds 22.2–7–37–4; Emburey 17–9–13–6.

MIDDLESEX: First innings 287 (R O Butcher 110, D L Underwood 4 for 80).

Second innings

G D Barlow c sub b Underwood	58
W N Slack st Knott b Underwood	1
C T Radley l-b-w b Underwood	20
*M W Gatting c Tavaré b Underwood	41
R O Butcher c Ellison b Underwood	13
K P Tomlins not out	9
J E Emburey l-b-w b Underwood	1
†P R Downton not out	4
Extras (l-b 5, w 2, n-b 5)	
Total (6 wkts)	154

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–3, 2–80, 3–101, 4–134, 5–138, 6–140.

BOWLING: Jarvis 6-3-9-0; Underwood 25-13-44-6; Johnson 25.3-6-82-0; Ellison 4-3-1-0; Potter 1-0-6-0.

Umpires: K E Palmer and D O Oslear.

Weston makes solid job of first 100

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

HOVE: Sussex (8pts) drew with Worcestershire (3pts)

Martin Weston's first first-class 100 and an agreeable innings by Patel were the features of the last day of Sussex's championship match with Worcestershire, sponsored by Schweppes. With only a draw to play for – They lack the batting to have thoughts of winning – Worcestershire quite easily achieved one. They may take encouragement from this, at a time when they need it.

Starting the day still 79 runs behind, Worcestershire, barring some fairly horrific collapse, were in the clear by 2.30. What happened after that was mainly academic, it not for Weston and Patel. Again the interest came mainly from watching a new generation of English crecketers.

Weston is built on Goochian lines, and shows in his batting some of Glenn Turner's influence. He sprang to prominence last season by making 86 out of 94 in 75 minutes at the end of the second day of Worcestershire's match against the Pakistanis, going in first. Now he played very differently. It was just the day for cashing in. Weston, seeing this, made a careful, pretty solid job of doing so. With one or two thumping hooks, he showed, also, how hard he can hit the ball.

His was the fifth successive 100 I have seen from batsmen born and bred in England. The others were by Lloyd and Amiss for Warwickshire, and Fowler and Hayes for Lancashire. It makes a welcome change. Weston was born in Worcester. Patel came to England when he was nine, from Nairobi. He has a pleasant, natural style, and a lovely cover drive and nice, light footwork.

It was another good day for batting and an unrewarding pitch for bowling. Between Saturday evening, when Worcestershire were all out in their first innings, and 3.15 yesterday, seven wickets fell for 569 runs. With a fourth day it might, I suppose, have been a better game. As it was, the eight points which Sussex won kept them not far behind the championship leaders.

There was, as usual, some dashing fielding from Parker. Le Roux banged some occasional life out of the pitch, but it took a lot of effort to do so. Williams, before going off the field with a sore throat, had a few overs of orthodox left-arm spin, Barclay rather more of only fairly threatening off breaks. Colin Wells has the strength, if he had the flair, to become another Botham. He is certainly a very dangerous batsman.

Behind the stumps, Gould looked anything but an England wicket-keeper, even for one-day cricket, though he did manage not to drop a skier from Patel. Finally Pigott. Not all Harrovians spit as often, I imagine, but not many can have bowled more wholeheartedly. He has a Procter-like action, with a quick arm/but not much body, and does a useful, bustling job.



Weston: Turner's influence

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 223 (J A Ormrod 50, A C S Pigot 6 for 74).

Second Innings

J A Ormrod b le Roux	12
M J Weston b Green	115
*P A Neale l-b-w b Greig	7
D N Patel c Gould b Greig	90
D B d'Oliveira c Pigot b Greig	8
M S A McEvoy not out	16
†D J Humphries c C M Wells b Green	26
R K Illingworth not out	2
Extras (b 5, l-b 7, w 1, n-b 2)	15
Total (6 wkts)	291

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–34, 2–62, 3–233, 4–242, 5–247, 6–287.

BOWLING: Pigott 21-5-50-0; le Roux 18-4-41-1; Barclay 24-8-58-0; Greig 24-6-66-3; C M Wells 8-1-29-0; Willows 3-1-2-0; Green 11-3-30-2; Parker 1-1-0-0.

SUSSEX: First innings 336 for 5 dec (G D Mendis 132, J R T Barclay 64, C M Well 51 not out).

Umpires: P J Eele and P B Wight.

Championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Middlesex (1)	6	2	0	4	13	9	54
Hampshire (3)	6	2	0	4	12	11	51
Essex (7)	6	1	2	3	17	10	43
Leicestershire (2)	6	1	0	5	10	15	41
Sussex (8)	5	1	1	3	9	15	40
Warwickshire (17)	6	1	1	4	10	12	38
Gloucestershire (15)	5	1	0		4	11	7
							34
Kent (13)	4	1	1	2	4	13	33
Nottinghamshire (4)	5	1	1		3	7	8
							31
Somerset (6)	5	0	2	3	13	15	28
Lancashire (12)	6	0	1	5	12	14	26
Northamptonshire (9)		5	0		0	5	8
16							24
Worcestershire (14)	6	0	1		5	11	13
							24
Surrey (5)	5	0	0	5	8	11	19
Glamorgan (16)	5	0	2	3	9	10	19
Derbyshire (11)	5	1	0	4	3	2	17
Yorkshire (10)	6	0	0	6	3	8	11

Hampshire and Derbyshire records include 12 points for victories in one-innings matches.

1981 positions in brackets

CRICKET: THE DAY IN THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP WHEN SPIN BOWLERS WERE TOO ARTFUL FOR BATSMEN









Underwood: 6-44 Gifford: 6-92 Steele: 4-3 Acfield: 6-34

Somerset missing the Blake spirit

By Alan Gibson

TAUNTON: Essex (22 pts) beat Somerset (7) by 141 runs

At the start Essex were 124 runs ahead of Somerset with six second innings wickets in hand. Thy were all out by 2 o'clock leaving Somerset to score 255 in 210 minutes. The Clapton East (perhaps one should call him the Clapton Orient) batted well. Botham and Marks were the most successful bowlers. Marks was not so accurate as on Monday, but still liable to take a wicket. Botham looked quite interested in his bowling, a promising sign for the World Cup.

Essex were without Pringle, suffering from a twanged muscle in his back, or whatever the current phrase for lumbago. But as Rose was unable to play because of a similar complaint, the luck in this respect was even.

The pitch was very slow, but after several hours of sunshine, sometimes hesitant, was helping the spinners by the evening. I did not think that Somerset would win, barring a Botham onslaught, but nor did I expect them to collapse, as they did against Acfield.

Lloyds was caught and bowled by Phillip, before he had scored. Slocombe was caught at slip at 25, off Foster. At tea the score was 62 for two, after 28 overs. Denning and Roebuck were now together, and there was still a glimmer of hope for the faithful farmers. At 75, Roebuck was leg before to the Manningtree East, and in the next over, the thirtyseventh, Denning was leg before to Acfield.

As Botham had come down the steps, fire engines and ambulances charged, roaring round the ground, and he did play pretty well for a while. He was warming up, they said in the Strugglers' Bar: "We shall see something soon". We did: a whacking six off Ackfield and then an attempted reverse sweep which had him leg before. Well, he had tried. Once he was gone, Somerset could still have saved the match, with sufficent application but did not seem to bother.

Acfield certainly bowled well, but the surrender was too easy. When Blake, the defender of Taunton in the Civil War, was asked if the starving town would yield, he replied to the Royalist summons that he still had three pair of boots and would eat two of them first. I think Somerset need a touch more of the Blake spirit at present.

ESSEX: First innings 282 (G A Gooch 60, K S McEwan 54, C H Dredge 5 for 64).5

Second innings

G A Gooch b Marks	33
B R Hardie c sub b Botham	39
K S McEwan l-b-w b Marks	8
*K W R Fletcher l-b-w b Dredge	12
K R Pont c Lloyds b Marks	22
†D E East c Gard b Botham	77
N Phillip c Denning b Botham	29
R E East b Marks	16
N A Foster c Dredge b Botham	1
D L Acfield not out	1
Extras (b 1, l-b 4, w 1)	6
Total (9 wkts dec)	242

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–56, 2–63, 3–92, 4–98, 5–148, 6–219, 7–225, 8–240, 9–242.

BOWLING: Botham 18-6-49-4; Davis 4-0-20-0; Marks 39.5-10-109-4; Dredge 15-5-35-1; Lloyds 11-2-29-0.

SOMERSET: First innings 250 for 7 dec (P M Roebuck 69, N F M Popplewell 66 not out, D L Acfield 4 for 106).

Second innings

J W Lloyds c and b Phillip	0
P M Roebuck l-b-w b R E East	41
P A Slocombe c Gooch b Foster	10
P W Denning l-b-w b Acfield	26
I T Botham l-b-w b Acfield	19
N F M Popplewell l-b-w b Acfield	8
V J Marks c Phillip b Acfield	8
†T Gard b Acfield	0
M R Davis b Acfield	0
C H Dredge not out	1
*B C Rose absent injured	0
Extras (l-b 3, n-b 3)	6
Total	113

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–2, 2–25, 3–75, 4–75, 5–103, 6–105, 7–106, 8–108, 9–113, 10–113.

BOWLING: Phillip 6-1-14-1; Foster 7-1-24-1; Acfield 18.3-5-34-6; R E East 17-4-35-1.

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and J Birkenshaw.

● The tactical advice of Sir Garfield Sobers helped Sri Lanka avenge their previous day's defeat by the Indians in their Prudential World Cup warm up match at

India's master batsman, Sunil Gavaskar, was continually frustrated by the Sri Lankan field-

The Sri Lankan innings was based on an attractive 67 from Sidath Wettimuny, who drove fluently off the front foot, and a sparkling 70 from Roy Dias.

SCORES: Sri Lankans 256 for nine (55 overs) (R Dias 70, S Wettimuny 67, G Alvis 31 n.o., R Binny 3-66); Indians 240 (52.4 overs) (S Gavaskar 58, M Amarnath 48, Ravi Shastri 40, A De Mel 3-42).

Willis finds a cure for melancholy

By Alan Ross

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire (21pts) beat Lancashire (4) by 93 runs.

Bob Willis, in his three seasons as Warwickshire's captain, had hitherto failed to win a match at Edgbaston. Yesterday he put an end to that melancholy record.

Lancashire, set to make 344 to win, raced to 65 for no wicket in the 10 overs before lunch, but thereafter allowed themselves to be pinned down by Old and then teased out by Gifford. They were eventually bowled out for 250, with just over eight overs remaining. Gifford ended up with six for 92.

In the morning Warwickshire added 121 in 70 minutes without losing a wicket. Humpage scored 76 of these, mainly at the expense of the two lancashire off spinners, Simmmons and Abrahams. With the third declaration of the match imminent, the bowlers did little more than go through the motions. Lancashire, with 40 minutes before lunch, set off in pursuit of their target.

At lunch they were 65 for no wicket after 10 overs, Fowler 53, Cockbain 7. Willis, in a fine first over, three times came near to taking a wicket, but Fowler struck him for three fours in his second over and for two more in his third. All but one of these were rippling drives in the arc between cover and mid-on. Hogg bowled at the other end and Fowler, reaching for everything, took three more fours in one over.

Old and Ferreira were a different proposition altogether. The second 10 overs of the innings produced only 22 runs, the third 10 a mere 15.

Fowler, meanwhile, had beccome unrecongnisable as the batsman of the morning. In the ninth over of the afternoon, having scratched another eight runs, he was dropped off Old and then bowled by the next ball.

Lancashire, at this stage, appeared uncertain of their own intentions. Old in due course was replaced by Gifford, tossing the ball up invitingly from the pavilion end.

After prolonged periods of inanition, first Cockbain, then O'Shaughnessy and finally Abrahams were caught in the deep off him. Of these onlyu Abrahams, with some elegant strokes through the covers seemed to have much awareness of the possibilities.

At tea, Lancashire were 169 for three, with Abrahams 44. He was out immediately afterwards and was followed by Fairbrother who, after one classic off drive off Willis, checked his stroke and holed out at mid-on. Simmons was leg before, sweeping at Gifford, and when the last 20 overs were called Lancashire, 231 for six, needed 114.

Gifford now bowled Jefferies, who heaved wildly at a gently floating half-volley. Ferreira, who had bowled steadily in both innings, knocked down Maynard's off stump one run later and, at the same score, did the same to Allott.

Hayes, nursing an infection, was obliged to appear after all. He hung on gallantly for 20 minutes but then, swinging at Gifford, got a top edge and was caught at the wicket.

WARWICKSHIRE: First innings 396 for 4 dec (A I Kallicharan 209 not out, T A Lloyd 126).

Second Innings

T A Lloyd b Jefferies	12
K D Smith not out	68
D L Amiss c Maynard b O'Shaughnessy	18
†G A Tedstone lbw Folley	0
G W Humpage not out	81
Extras (b 5, l-b 4, w 4, n-b 5)	18
Total (3 wkts dec)	197

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–31, 2–66, 3–67.

BOWLING: Jefferies 7-2-21-1; Allott 4-0-15-0; O'Shaughnessy 11-2-34-1; Folley 9-1-39-1; Simmons 8-0-28-0; Abrahams 8-0-42-0.

LANCASHIRE: First innings250 for 4 dec (N H Fairbrother 94 not out, S J O'Shaughnessy 66).

Second innings

G Fowler b Old	58
I Cockbain c Humpage b Gifford	33
S J O'Shaughnessy c Willis b Gifford	23
J Abrahams c Old b Gifford	46
N H Fairbrother c Ferreira b Willis	17
J Simmons l-b-w b Gifford	9
S T Jefferies b Gifford	24
†C Maynard b Ferreira	8
P J W Allott b Ferreira	0
F C Hayes c Amiss b Gifford	6
I Folley not out	13
Extras (b1, l-b7, w1, n-b5)	14
Total	250

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–87, 2–109, 3–166, 4–170, 5–194, 6–198, 7–231, 8–231, 9–232, 10–250.

BOWLING: Willis 11-3-43-1; Hogg 5-1-28-0; Ferreira 23-6-57-2; Old 13-5-18-1; Gifford 27.3-9-92-6.

Umpires: H D Bird and D R Shepherd.

Farcical gesture has Notts near to tears

By Peter Ball

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire (6 pts) drew with Leicestershire (4).

At 4.54 yesterday afternoon, having spent the day acquiring 232 runs, Leicestershire declared, asking Nottinghamshire to score 159 runs in the remaining 56 minutes or 19 overs. It seemed an inappropriate, farcical gesture with which to end a day characterised by dour, dogged determination.

Yet Leicestershire then almost snatched a totally unexpected victory as Notts took the challenge seriously.

They quickly lost Birch, Johnson, and Hassan in the chase and although they then decided quite properly to shut up shop, the task nearly proved beyond them.

Steel, who finished with the rewarding figures of four for three, and the high promising Cook used the turn in the wicket to far more effect than their opposite numbers. They bowled a better length and line and make the ball deviate more sharply.

From the tenth over of the innings there were seven fielders surrounding the bat. But Cooper and Hendrick survived the last three and a half overs to deny Leicestershire victory and, probably, they ensured that some justice was done at the last.

It was all highly unlikely after the Leicestershire innings, whose tone was set by the first full over of the morning when Davison received a brute of a ball from Hendrick which he could only fend off to short leg. As important as his loss itself, which left Leicestershire still 73 runs behind with three wickets down, was the psychological effect the ball had on the remaining batsmen.

In fact, instead of being evidence that the top had gone off the wicket, that ball proved to be a freak. Once Briers had survived a sharp chance of bat and pad in the same over, he and Balderstone re-built the innings soundly, their stand lasting three hours and 11 minutes and being worth 135 runs.

With the wicket offering assistance to the spinners, progress was understandably slow. A total of 23 runs came in the first hour; and the arrears were finally cleared in the over before lunch, just after Balderstone's 50 which took him a minute short of three hours.

It was undoubtedly a frustrating time for the bowlers, but Hemmings had not made the best use of the wicket, his length and line wavering regularly enough to ease the pressure. Balderstone and Briars continued well into the afternoon and Leicestershire were approaching security when Briars dragged a ball onto his stumps.

The loss of Tolchard and then Balderstone, whose vigil lasted five and a quarter hours, held the faint hope of blowing renewed life into the embers of the game. Is seemed dead for at least half an hour but Tolchard still believed he could win. He was nearly proved right. What would have happened had his team scored a little faster is quite a thought.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings 107 (M Hendrick 6 for 17).

Second innings

R A Cobb l-b-w b Hendrick	19
J C Balderstone c Birch b Hemmings	106
D I Gower b Hemmings	29
B F Davison c Hassan b Hendrick	8
N E Briers b Cooper	66
*†R W Tolchard b Such	12
J F Steele b Such	10
P B Clift l-b-w b Hemmings	31
G J Parsons not out	7
N G B Cook b Hemmings	6
Extras (b2, l-b 6, n-b 5)	13
Total (9 wkts dec)	283

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–25, 2–51, 3–52, 4–187, 5–219, 6–223, 7–268, 8–268, 9–283.

BOWLING: Hendrick 18–4–49–2; Saxelby 13–3–43–0; Hemmings 44.5–18–85–4; Cooper 18–7–37–1; Such 16–5–56–2.

Nottinghamshire: First innings 226 (D W Randall 74).

Second innings

D W Randall l-b-w b Steele	6
*J D Birch b Cook	2
P Johnson st Tolchard b Cook	3
B Hassan c Davison b Taylor	8
R T Robinson b Cook	4
†B N French c Cobb b Steele	0
E E Hemmings c Cobb b Steele	4
K Saxelby c Balderstone b Steele	0
K E Cooper not out	0
M Hendrick not out	0
Extras (b 4, w 1, nb 1)	6
Total (8 wkts)	32

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–6, 2–18, 3–19, 4–28, 5–28, 6–30, 7–31, 8–32.

BOWLING: Taylor 3-0-15-1; Cook 9-5-7-3; Steele 7-5-3-4.

Umpires: J H Harris and B J Meyer.

Pakistan fearing the worst

The Pakistanis suffered a bewildering defeat at Uxbridge yesterday when they went down by five wickets to the World Cup outsiders from Zimbabwe.

Led by their captain, Imran Khan, the Pakistanis set a formidable target of 264 for seven in their 60 overs, but then has no answer to a Zimbabwean assault led by a third-wicket stand of 137 by Jack Heron (92) and Andy Pycroft (77). Dave Houghton, the wicketkeeper, maintained the initiative with two sixes in an unbeaten 46 which guided them home with three over to spare.

The defeat underlined fears that the absence of Imran from the attack may cost the Pakistanis any chance in the World Cup.

SCORES: Pakistanis 264 for seven (Imran Khan 54, Zaheer Abbas, Ejaz Fakih n.o.); Zimbabweans 266 for five (J Heron 92, A Pycroft 77, D Houghton 46 n.o., Shahid Mahboob 3-46).

THE OVAL: Australia 241 (A Border 73); New Zealand 243 for 7 (J Coney 63, B Edgar 52). New Zealand won by three wickets.

OTHER MATCHES

THE PARKS: Combined Services 113 and 317 for 8 dec (R Moylan-Jones 105, E Gordon-Lenox 64, C R Clark 56); Oxford University 196 for 5 dec and 218 for 9 (M Cullinan 54). Match drawn.

Taylor and Miller deny Hants

DERBY: Derbyshire (1pt) drew with Hampshire (8)

An unbroken half century stand for the seventh wicket between Bob Taylor and Geoff Miller denied Hampshire victory in their county championship match with Derbyshire.

The chances of a Hampshire win had looked remote for much of a tedious final day but the fall of three quick wickets reduced Derbyshire to 243 for six, still needing another 41 to avoid an innings defeat. But Taylor, strangely the more adventurous partner in the stand, and Miller saw Derbyshire to safety and Hampshire finally gave up the chase in the 16th over of the final hour.

Hampshire had bowled poorly on a placid wicket and Emery, their 22-year-old opening bowler, had a particularly bad day, he suffered problems with his run up and bowled a spate of no-balls and wides

DERBYSHIRE: First innings 170 (G Miller 58, J W Southern 5 for 60).

Second innings

I S Anderson c Parks b Southern	59
J E Morris c Smith b Nicholas	27
A Hill lbw b Smith	46
*K J Barnett st Parks b Southern	68
R J Finney lbw b Tremlett	3
G Miller not out	22
P G Newman b Southern	1
†R W Taylor not out	41
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 11, nb 9)	32
Total (6 wkts)	299

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–86, 2–137, 3–192, 4–218, 5–235, 6–243.

BOWLING: Malone 21-8-59-0; Emery 18-7-20-0; Nicholas 15-6-22-1; Jesty 6-2-19-0; Southern 38-15-84-3; Cowley 14-8-10-0; Tremlett 11-4-14-1; Smith 14-4-39-1.

HAMPSHIRE: First innings 454 for 7 dec (C L Smith 193, T E Jesty 187, O Mortenson 4 for 59).

Umpires: J van Geloven and D J Constant.

CRICKETER CUP: First Round: Charterhouse Friars beat *Bradford Waifs on a toss of coin. Haileybury Hermits 285-7 beat Old Westminsters 73-5 on faster run rate. *Old Amplefordians 148; St Edwards Martyrs 149-9. *Old Cholmeleians 205-8; Stowe Templars 105. *Old Cliftonians 163; Rugby Meteors 164-7. *Old Tonbridgians 150-6; Marlborough Blues 100-5. (M. Blues won on faster scoring rate). SECOND ROUND DRAW, (To be played on June 12): Marlborough Blues v Rugby Meteors, Radley Rangers v Haileybury Hermits, Sherborne Pilgrims v Charterhouse Friars, Shrewsbury Saracens v Felsted Robins, Old Cholmeleians v St Edwards Martyrs, Old Wykehamists v Old Malvernians, Old Merchant Taylors v Harrow Wanderers, Repton Pilgrims v Lancing Rovers.

Yorkshire defied by Derrick

MIDDLESBROUGH: Yorkshire (2pts) drew with Glamorgan (6)

Glamorgan's eighth wicket pair hung on grimly to save the match after they had been set a target of 245 in 160 minutes by Yorkshire. Glamorgan had hopes of victory while Alan Jones was still in. He hit ten fours and a six, in his 87 but once he was dismissed by Carrick, seventh out at 150, Yorkshire closed in for the kill.

It was left to Derrick, playing in his first Championship match and batting with a runner because of a bruised ankle, and Lloyd to battle out the last 13 overs. Dogged resistance by Derrick, who defied the spin of Illingworth and Carrick for almost an hour preventing Yorkshire from erasing the indignity of Monday's follow-on.

Yorkshire, who had followed on, reached 408-4 in their second innings with Athey (77), Love (76 not out), and Bairstow (75 not out) doing most to set up the declaration.

GLAMORGAN: First innings 289 for 9 dec (R C Ontong 112, S J Dennis 4 for 54)

Second innings

A Jones c Lumb b Carrick	87
J A Hopkins c Bairstow b Stevenson	9
D A Francis b Illingworth	17
A L Jones b Dennis	15
R C Ontong c Athey b Sidebottom	13
J G Thomas run out	0
†E W Jones c Bairstow b Stevenson	0
J Derrick not out	5
B J Lloyd not out	6
Extras (b 4, l-b 1, n-b 5)	10
Total (7 wkts)	162

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–29, 2–83, 3–118, 4–145, 5–145, 6–148, 7–150.

BOWLING: Dennis 8-0-48-1; Stevenson 8-1-24-2; Sidebottom 14-4-48-1; Illingworth 10-4-27-1; Carrick 7-5-5-1.

YORKSHIRE: First innings 125 (M W W Selvey 5 for 37).

Second innings

G Boycott c Derrick b Lloyd	69
R G Lumb c Francis by Lloyd	56
C W J Athey c Francis b Lloyd	77
S N Hartley c Derrick b Lloyd	39
J D Love not out	76
†D L Bairstow not out	75
Extras (b 2, lb 3, nb 11)	16
Total (4 wkts dec)	408

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–127, 2–134, 3–210, 4–279.

BOWLING: Thomas 16.4-6-47-0; Barwick 23-5-85-0; Selvey 29-8-74-0; Ontong 19-6-37-0; Lloyd 47-6-132-4; Derrick 4-1-17-0.

Umpires: D G L Evans and M J Kitchen.

The bounty hunters from paradise island

Sir Garfield's men are shaping up well for the World Cup

Sri Lanka really deserve to win the World Cup. It would be hard to find a place where cricket is more loved. I remember waiting for a Sri Lankan bus –.that triumph of hope over expectation, rather like the Sri Lankan team – when I was marooned in some silly village I had not meant to visit at all. The only traffic was bullock carts, sulky white beasts flicking their ears at flies.

A cyclist went past, and spotted me, performing instantly a breath-taking U-turn, and dismounting with the practiced flicker of the ankles that is so necessary for sarong-wearing cyclists. "Good morning, good morning, and can you tell me the result of the Test Match at Headingley?" It was 1981. I told him. "Oh yes, indeed that Botham is a remarkable fellow. You know we too are a Test match nation now?"

Indeed, but Sri Lanka (most Sri Lankans call it Ceylon) has always been a cricket nation. When the arrack bottle grew empty in gatherings at the house of my host in Columbo, the conversation was always on one of the two national obsessions, politics and cricket. "But I an saying Jayewardene's economic policies. . . ." "No, no, no, leg-spinners will not win matches in one day cricket. . ."

But it is not just that Sri Lanka is a nice place full of amiable cricket people that will have me on the boundary ropes singing "It's Sri Lanka forever, isn't it?" There is something boundlessly sad about international cricket, or real life.

The delight at joining the exclusive club with the senior boys, the International Cricket Conference, was soured by the defection of the leading players to that painful tour of South Africa. The players were banned from cricket for 25 years, and what is more they got thumped out of sight in every game.

Sri Lanka advertises itself to tourists as paradise, but it is a paradise where forbidden fruit have not only been regularly scoffed but are on sale in the markets. It is an island full of delightful places and people, and also an island where heroin and little boys can be purchase with little difficulty.

In the same way, the recent history of Sri Lankan cricket has been a mixture of the glorious and infinitely distressing. Indeed, what more noble, worthy feat is there than beating the Australians?

The tour manager, T Murugaser, *said* – *as his side played* a practice match agianst Combined Services in Portsmouth – "When our established players like Duleep Mndis and Roy Dias fialed, we found players to take over from them. Our youngsters were going down the pitch to hit Lillee. They quite simply whacked the daylights out of the Australians."

Sobers: pleased

The Sri Lankans, without their South Africa renegades, beat the Australians 2-0 in a one day series, and that has made a world of difference to their self esteem. That and their coach, Sir Garfield Sobers. Sir Garfield has been known to invest in the occasional long-shot himself, and the odds on Sri Lanka are 200 to 1 against winning the World Cup. He tipped me Lomond and Bill Shoemaker to win the Derby. They came sixteenth but he is a better judge of a cricketer.

The Sri Lankan captain and opening bat, Duleep Mendis, said: "He makes my job easy. He gives out confidence. He has so much experience and knowledge of every aspect of international cricket, and he talks to us all the time."

Sir Garfield was pleased with his proteges: "Yes, they are shaping up well. They are bowling well, keeping to a good line and length. And they are tremendously keen."

Mr Murugaser endorsed that: "Morale-wise, we are beautifully prepared. Team spirit has been instilled into them. And indeed, we have not suffered too much from losing the players who went to South Africa. For example, our wicket keeper, de Alwis, may not have been in the team, had we our banned players available. But he was man of the match after the first one day international against Australia in Colombo. He took five catches and made a stumping."

Third man for Combined Services, chatting over the boundary fence, was delighted with it all. "They are such frightfully nice chaps," he said.

And they are also frightfully good cricketers, with Mendis and Dias both with centuries under their belts at international level, useful bowlers including Ranatunga, just out of school, and D. S. de Silva, "the second beat leg-spin bowler in the world, "according to Mr Murugaser.

It is still hard to think of the Sri Lankans facing Hadlee or containing Imran, but they go into the World Cup with a do-our-damnedest spirit. And there is one battle in which they will score points all along the line. In the press box at Portsmouth, a pioneer was already sending copy and the copy-taker on the far end found his head spinning under the heady mixture of Portuguese (early colonists of Sri Lanka) and Sinhalese names. Sidath Wettimuny . . . Granville de Silva . . . Rumesh Ratnayke. I am going to need a lot of practice before I can chant: "There's only one Arjuna Ranatunga."

Simon Barnes

GOLF

Winning is kid's stuff for French

By Lewine Mair

Cecilia Morgue d' Algue, who yesterday matched Silloth's par of 74 to lead the field at the end of the first qualifying round in the British women's championship, told how a 20 minute lesson in 1976 had lifted her golfing career.

Her instructor was the legendary Bob Toski and the lesson had come about when the American, who was in Paris lecturing to French professionals, called for a low-handicap golfer to help with the practical side of his work.

For long years Mrs Mourgue d'Algue, who was born in Sweden but moved to France on her marriage to the former French international, Gaetan Mourgue d'Algue, had endeavoured to hit down on the ball. Toski, though, told her to the reverse and had her practising hitting irons with the ball on a tea peg.

By 1977 she was playing better than ever and, over the last six years, has bagged each of the Spanish, Italian and French championships to increase her haul of national titles to 13, a figure matching the age of the oldest of her three children.

A five-wood hit to within three feet of the flag at the sixth, 184 yards, presented Mrs. Mourgue d,Algue with a third successive birdie yesterday. Out in 33 against the par of 35, she had a maddening six at the 11th, a 384 yards par four, when a slightly hooked tee-shot kicked into the gorse strewn rough.

On a course which demands plenty of patience and careful handling, it was another mother in the person of Surrey's Gill Thornhill, who handed in the second best score of the day. A semi-finalist in the recent English women's championship, Mrs. Thornhill all but holed her 60-yard pitch at the 11th en route to what was the steadiest of 75s.

LEADING SCORES: 74: C Mourgue d'Algue (France); 75: J Thornhill; 76: M Gallagher, C Wickham; 77: A Nicholas, K Douglas, B Robertson, B New, E Higgins, T Wiesner (USA), K Gardner (Fra); 78: J Walker, M L Taya, L Percival, C Caldwell, R Lautens (Switz), C Pierce, A White, S O'Brien-Kenney. 78: C Bailey, C Hourihane, L Bayman, M Pickard, A Albox (Spa), M Ferguson, V Stone.

TENNIS

The future is uncertain but McEnroe's end is nowhere near

By Jerome Caminada

John McEnroe, in sombre mood, came onto the centre court in the Stella Artois tournament at Queen's Club yesterday, efficiently despatched a fellow American, Jeff Borowiak, 6-3, 6-3 in the first round, and then spoke whimsically about things he wanted to accomplish in life. He was lucky, he said, in that he had tennis skills, but "no one is going to care about me in 10 years, or maybe five". There were, he implied, other pursuits he had in mind.

He had no intention, he added, of retiring from top tennis in the foreseeable future, but he had not appreciated some of the things that had happened to him, though part of that had been self-induced. He had made mistakes, but it was infortunate that they had been magnified a thousand times.

Of yesterday's play, McEnroe had little to say, beyond that the centre court was slippery with moisture and had been close to unplayable.

Borowiak, who is now 33 and has twice been in the last 16 at Wimbledon was not consistent enough to push McEnroe. Nick Saviano, an American with much grass court experience at Wimbledon, was guilty of the same shortcoming against Ivan Lendl, the Czechoslovak who is seeded number three. Lendl has avoided grass since an early defeat at Wimbledon two years ago but he gave little sign yesterday of being insecure on this surface.

Lendl's renowned service and forehand drive dominated yesterday's match. Saviano was slow to yield, but a loss of one service game in each of two sets was sufficient to put him out, 4-6, 4-6.

Afterwards, Lendl agreed that the surface had been slippery, but remarked simply that "one has to put up with it". A grass sureface was undoubtedly different, requiring, for example, swift adaptation to the low bounce and making top spin shots inadvisable.

John Lloyd, the sole British entrant, went out in bewildering fashion against Nduka Odizor, a 24-year-old Nigerian who developed his tennis at school and unniversity in Houston, Texas. The Nigerian won 6-4, 0-6, 6-4 and so dramatically did fortunes change in the second and third sets that Lloyds afterwards said dolefully,"I don't know how I lost".

The first set was even, but in the next Odizor became peeved over line decisions against him and, after losing the first two games, he took only one point in the next four. Completely in the ascendancy, Lloyd swept on to lead 4-1 in the final set. Then the see-saw tilted suddenly the other way.

FIRST ROUND: N Odizor (Nig) bt J Lloyd (GB), 6-4, 0-6, 6-4; M De Palmer (US) bt P Lenhoff (US), 6-2, 6-1; J McEnroe (US) bt J Borowiak (US), 6-3, 6-3; T Cain (US) b M Edmonson (Aus), 6-3, 7-6; W Fibak (Pol) Bt B Dyke (Aus), 6-7, 6-1, 6-1; I Lendl (Cz) bt N Saviano (US), 6-4, 6-4; S Denton (US) bt M Strode (US), 6-4, 7-6.



No slip-up: McEnroe wins in straight sets at Queen's. (Photograph by Chris Cole)

Noah in wilderness

Paris, (AFP) – The French Open champion, Yannick Noah, has been suspended by the Professional Tennis Council for 49 days and fined $20,000 for walking out of the Nations Cup competition in Dusseldorf last month.

Noah, who won the French Championships at Roland Garros on Sunday, will still be able to play for France in the Davis Cup match against Paraguay on July 8 to 10 in Marseilles, because he has 30 days in which to lodge an appeal against the ruling. If he decides not to appeal, the decision will take effect on July 11.

Noah had already decided not to compete at Wimbledon at the end of June as he is unhappy on the grass surface

Miss Barker just wins a domestic argument

By Richard Eaton

Sue Barker looked like a patient about to go down with fresh symptoms. Yesterday in the £60,000 Edgbaston Cup at Birmingham, she stood 2-4 down in the first set and 1-3 down in the second before winning 7-5, 6-4 against Debbie Jarrett, a player two places below her in the British rankings but was not so far from upsetting them in a match of hiccups, self-doubt and odd incidents with the umpire and the crowd.

Miss Barker, of course, is trying to rehabilitate herself. But the hesitant manner of her victoy, admittedly on a difficult soft grass court, only served to remind people that a year ago in the same event when she was this country's leading player, she lost to Jo Durie in the second round. That important defeat greased her slide to the point where she now stands at No. 3 in Britain and No. 60 in the world. The best that could be said about yesterday was that at least she survived a dangerous match.

The incidents indicated how much in domestic prestige was at stake. At 6-5 and 40-15 in the first set Mrs Jarrett hit a ball near the line which Miss Barker queried by leaning on the net, arguing with the umpire, and summoning the referee. "Its not like me but there were only two officials on the court and the umpire was bound to make mistakes in those circumstances,"Miss Barker said. "I asked that if anyone else was available would they please come and assist". No one did.

.. In the next game Mrs Jarrett, serving to save the set, served one fault at 30-all, then with curious timing, paused, and glared at the gallery, telling them to shut up, before serving her second ball. She lost that and lost the four points later and was still criticising the spectators a few points after that.

Billy-Jean King, defending the singles title in her fortieth year, spent more of her vocal energy [illegible]. She saved a point to go 2-4 down in the second set before winning 6-2, 6-4 against Pam Casale a fellow American ranked 39. Evonne Cawley, another former Wimbledon champion who is seeded fourth, was in deeper trouble still, standing three times within two points of defeat at 5-6 in the final set before winning 6-1, 3-6, 8-6 against Jennifer Mundel, a 21-year-old South African with a multi-bandaged racket arm.

Two seeds were beaten – Beth Herr, the No 11, by 6-1, 6-7, 7-5 against fellow American Sherry Acker, and the Bulgarian Manuela Maleeva, seeded ninth, by 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, to another American Nancy Yeargin. Those defeats simply underlined the achievement of the old stagers.

FIRST ROUND: S Barker (GB) bt D Jarrett (GB) 7-5, 6-4; H Henrickson (US) bt C Benjamin (US), 6-3, 6-0; R Reggi (It) bt C Drury (GB), 6-3, 6-3; B Remilton (AUS) bt J Salmon (GB), 6-3, 6-3; E Sayers (AUS) bt L Antonoplis (US), 6-0, 6-2; A White (US) bt A Minter (AUS), 6-2, 7-6; B Jordan (US) bt C O'Neal (AUS), 6-3, 6-2; K Sands (US) bt B Stove (Neth), 6-2, 6-2; E Inoue (JAP) bt B Nagelsen (US), 6-2, 6-2.
SECOND ROUND: B T King (US) bt P Casale (US), 6-2, 6-4; A Kiyomura (US) bt S Collins (US), 6-1, 6-3; E Cawley (AUS) bt J Mundel (SA), 6-1, 3-6, 8-6.

FOOTBALL

Leao comes back to challenge Zoff

Lisbon (Reuter) – Emerson Leao, the forgotten man of Brazil, returns to keep goal against Portugal tonight. Leao, aged 32, was a member of Brazil's 1970, 1974 and 1978 World Cup squads. However, he was omitted from Spain in 1982 where Waldir Peres's form was less than distinguished.

Now the new Brazilian manager, Carlos Alberto Parreira, has given Leao an early opportunity to re-establish himself in the first match of Brazil's four-game European tour.

Leao, who will be making his ninety-second international appearance, is close to overtaking Dino Zoff (112 appearances) as the most capped Goalkeeper in history.

● Vienna (Reuter) – Unbeaten Austria can open up a two point lead over Northern Ireland at the top of Group Six if they beat lowly Albania in their Europena Championship qualifying tie in Tirana today. Austria are missing the injured Krankl and Pezzey, but are capable of repeating their 5-0 victory over the Albanians in September. At the moment, they have a game in hand over Northern Ireland.

● All stand and enclosure tickets for the Wales v Brazil match at Ninian Park on June 12 have been sold, but terrace tickets are still available. A capacity crowd of 40,000 is expected.

Benson dismissed

John Benson has been dismissed as Manchester City's manager. The board met last night for the first time since they were relegated to the second division and reached a majority decision to sack Benson.

Benson said: "The chairman asked me to stay until a successor was appointed but I didn't think it would be fair to do that. I wanted to make a clean break."

FIFA ban Africans

One Ivory Coast player was suspended for a year and three others punished for their parts in the brawl against the United States in Sunday's World Youth Cup game in Puebla.

FIFA's disciplinary committee suspended Lucien Kessy from all international activity for a year for insulting the Peruvian referee Cesar Pagano. Alain Gbezie was suspended for two internationals for insulting the referee. Richard Ori and Bernardin Gba also received suspensions for rough play and will miss today's game against

Hilaire for sale

Alan Mullery, the Crystal Palace manager, has placed Vince Hilaire on the transfer list. The fee will be about £200,000. Meanwhile Mullery has agreed terms with Tottenham Hotspur for their centre-half, Lacy, and Luton Town's midfield player, Horton, may join Palace when he returns from holiday.

YACHTING

Barnes storming ahead of rivals

By John Nicholls

David Barnes and Hamish Wilcox, from New Zealand, scored their second successive win when racing continued in the 470 class world championship at Weymouth yesterday. In contrast to their decisive win in rough conditions on Monday, yesterday's success was equally clear-cut in a lighter, shifting breeze. Second place was filled by an East German for the second day running, this time it was Jurgen Brietzke who was 1min 10sec astern.

It had been hoped to hold two races, to make up for the one lost on Sunday, but conditions ruled this out. When the start of the first race was delayed by two hours to allow for an abandonment and two general recalls, a second race was always unlikely. The fourth attempt to start was perfect with no one over the line, probably a record for this class.

Barnes started near the middle of the line and had soon established an important space around his boat with its accompanying clear air. By the time he rounded the windward mark he had a lead of several lengths from the British brothers, David and Ian Jarrett. The first reaching leg was sailed at near maximum speed, but without the upsets in the formidable seas of the previous day.

The New Zealanders continued their untroubled and virtually unchallenged way round the course, their only anxious moment being on the final beat when the breeze became light and changeable. By then, all they had to do was keep between the following boats and the finish, which was performed without difficulty.

Behind them mistakes were made and places changed, the first being by the Jarretts, who dropped from second place to eighth on the second beat, but recovered to fifth by the finish. Of the other five British entries, the least said the better. It was not their day. The much-fancied American team had not yet made its presence felt, although a change in the weather could well bring some new faces into contention.

SECOND RACE (provisional): 1, D Barnes (NZ); 2, J Brietzke (EG); 3, D Papoonar (Fr); 4, G Martinez (It); 5, D Jarrett (GB); 6, W Hunger (WG).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wild bull is back in old pasture

By Keith Macklin

One of the greatest names in League history is returning to the game as a weekend commuter. Vince Karalius, dubbed the Wild Bull of the Pampas by the Australians, will coach his home town team, Widnes, but at weekends only.

Karalius was one of the greatest loose forwards ever to play Rugby League. His fierce aggression on the field won him great respect from opponents and earned him his touring nickname. He captained Widnes to victory in the 1964 Challenge Cup final at Wembley against Hull Kingston Rovers and, when he retired as a player, he went into coaching and took Widnes to another Wembley victory against Warrington in 1975. He then, surprisingly, resigned to devote more time to business and family commitments. He is now a prosperous scrap metal dealer living in the Isle of Man.

Karalius will fly over for the weekend games. The midweek training sessions will be supervised by his assistant, Harry Dawson, who was joint coach during the recent Widnes Premiership triumph. The chairman of the club, Jack Hayes, said: "There have been slight problems to iron out, but we are confident that this is the start of a new era."

Widnes are hoping that the inspiration of Karalius will enable the club to continue an astonishing run of annual successes during the past decade.

ATHLETICS

July date for Ovett comeback

Steve Ovett makes his first important appearance of the season when he races in the 1,500 metres, his world record distance, for England at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham on July 1. Ovett runs against Poland, Belgium and Austria on the same track on which Sebastian Coe was the main attraction in the match between Britain and the Soviet Union at the weekend. The July meeting is sponsored by U-Bix Copiers who also have a three-year sponsorship agreement with Ovett himself.

After missing much of last season because of a serious training injury the previous winter, Ovett is making no predictions about this season, which culminates with the world championships in Helsinki. "I shall take each meeting step by step. It will be a case of getting out on the track and seeing what shape I am in," he said. "I have done a full winter's training, 80 or 90 miles a week. Maybe I jumped in at the deep end when I finally came back last year. I would like to plan this season a bit better and try to find the race which fills a particular need."

There is an outside chance that Ovett could be partnered at Birmingham by the European and Commonwealth champion Steve Cram, who intends to run at the meeting but has not decided whether to enter the 800 metres, 1,500 or 5,000m. "He will decide nearer the date" England's team manager Andy Norman said.

Peter Elliot, the other emerging British middle-distance runner, will be in the team

HOCKEY

Barber's way is rewarded

By Sydney Friskin

Paul Barber, the captain of Slough, who was elected player of the year for the season 1982-1983 by the Hockey Writers' club, recieved the trophy, donated by Bovril, at a ceremony in London yesterday. At a similar function in Belfast, Margaret Gleghorn, the Irish captain, recieved the women's award.

After recieving the handsome rosebowl Barber, aged 28, expressed the hope that this award, the first of its kind for a hockey player, would be an annual incentive to younger players, calling on them to look on the game as an enjoyment, which is typical of his own approach.

He has been capped 55 times for England and 12 times for Great Britain and led Slough to success last season in the premier division of the London League. He also captained the East who won the senior divisional tournament at Norwich.

Miss Gleghorn, aged 27, a teacher of English in Belfast, has won 58 caps for Ireland and recently led them to victory in the Inter-Continental Cup in Kuala Lumpur. A cheque for £50, although not directly presented to the players, will be sent as a donation to the club of their choice.

Award for inspiring leadership

By Joyce Whitehead

Margaret Gleghorne (Ireland) has been voted the Bovril player of the year by the Hockey Writers' Club. She received a silver rose bowl and £50 from George Glasgow, the director of sport for Northern Ireland at the House of Sports for Northern Ireland. To maintain her amateur status the £50 will be donated to a hockey organization of Miss Gleghorne's choice.

Miss Gleghorne, aged 27, is captain of Pegasus, Ulster and Ireland and gains the award for her outstanding play and captaincy of Ireland, the seventh seeds to victory in the International Cup championship in Kuala Lumpur last month against ten other national teams.

This is the second honour Miss Gleghorne has won. While still a schoolgirl in 1973, she scored the goal by which Ireland beat England at Wembley Stadium in her second international and was named the *Hockey Field* player of the year. It was Ireland's first win at Wembley.

A graduate from Queen's University (where she played for Queen's and British Universities), Miss Gleghorne teaches English in Belfast.

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET

Fresh challenge awaits Cheshire's captain

By Michael Berry

Arthur Sutton, the Cheshire captain, began his twentyfifth season in Minor Couties cricket when he lined up in his side's opening match of the Western Division season against Shropshire at Wellington on Sunday. Sutton, who made his first appearance for the county in 1959 against that year's eventual champions, Warwickshire Seconds at Edgbaston, will be 44 later this month and as one of the longest-serving players in the competition he has achieved many milestones.

Last season, in particular, was a notable one for the Machester-born player who was discarded by Lancashire after one second XI game in 1957. He reached 10,000 runs in Minor Couties cricket and also took his 150th catch for the county before being forced to miss a large slice of the season with an eye injury sustained in club cricket.

A left-handed batsman he has, in addition, also taken over 300 wickets at an average of little over 21 with his slow right arm off-breaks. Over the years Sutton will have also seen many changes at this level of the game. In his first season Cheshire finished twentysixth equal with Cornwall in a table of 28 teams that included no fewer that nine first class second XI's. Now, somewhat aptly in his twentyfifth year, he is to be offered the chance of treading new territory in the fresh format of a West and East division of 10 teams apiece that has the attraction of a major sponsor, the United Friendly Insurance.

For both Cheshire and Shropshire, who as a county have been playing in the championship only two more years than Sutton himself, are sides who will see more changes than most as members of a Western Division that has a predominantly southern ring to it. In past years both counties have in the main gone north to the Durhams, Northumberlands and Lancashire Seconds for their fixtures. Now they are to switch to new opposition in the shape of the Devons, Cornwalls and Dorsets.

Indeed Shropshire, who have the Shrewsbury Town goalkeeper, Steve Ogrizovic, on their books as a fast bowler, have made a disappointing start in a section that has been suggested as easier than its Eastern counterpart. It needs one to list only some of the newcomers who are pencilled in to ply their talents in the West to see the folly of that line of thought.

Berkshire have engaged no less a batsman than Graham Roope, the former Surrey and England player; Dorset will include Andrew Kennedy, the former Lancashire opener. Wiltshire have both John Rice from Hampshire and Terry Barnes, Norfolk's prolific wicket-taker who has transferred because of a new work commitment. Buckinghamshire have acquired Ian Pont, the former Nottinghamshire player who is the new coach at Stowe School, and have Richard Hayward back from Hampshire. Shaun Graf, Hampshire's former Australian fast bowler, is to play for Cornwall.

IN BRIEF

Frazier to make a million

New York (Reuter) – World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion, Larry Holmes, has agreed to defend his title against Marvis Frazier in Altantic City in September. Holmes will receive $3m and Frazier $1m. The bout will be held in a specially built stadium in the car park of Resorts International Hotel.

Frazier's father, Joe, who manages and trains him, said: "Marvis is not only ready for Larry Holms, but he's going to beat Larry Holmes."

FOOTBALL: The Scotland squad flew out of Glasgow yesterday for Canada and a three game tour which they hope will boost their confidence after the home championships reverse against England. The Scots will play Canada in Vancouver on Sunday, Edmonton on June 16 and Toronto on June 19.

Cycling: Sixty six cyclists, including Bernard Hinault of France, will take part in the Tour of Luxembourg, which starts today with a race against the clock over 2.3 kilometers.

Rugby Union: The French Rugby Federation president, Albert Ferrasse yesterday said in Cape Town that he would do everthing in his power to arrange a meeting between his South African counterpart, Danie Craven, and the French President, Francois Mitterrand, if he thought it worthwhile. But another member of the federation said that the issue of the cancelled French tour of South Africa was closed. A visit to France by Dr Craven would serve no useful purpose.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

County Championship
(11 to 6.30 unless stated)
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Nottinghamshire
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Lancashire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Yorkshire
UXBRIDGE: Middlesex v Derbyshire
HOVE: Sussex v Kent
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Surrey (11 to 7)

Other Matches
(11.30 to 6.30)
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Warwickshire
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Northamptonshire

Second XI Championship
USK: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire; Southgate: Middlesex v Hampshire; Milton Keynes: Northamptonshire v Essex; Colston Bassett: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire; Street: Somerset v Worcestershire; Eastbourne: Sussex v Surrey; Elland: Yorkshire v Lancashire.

Minor counties
CARLISLE: Cumberland v Cambridgeshire

OTHER SPORTS
TENNIS: Stella Artois championship (at Queen's Club); Edgbaston Cup (at Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham)
ATHLETICS: Army championships (at Aldershot
YACHTING: Bourne End week

Mitchell makes a winning profit

The nine-year-old Calisolon was a strong favourite to complete a treble in the Hall Handicap at Lingfield yesterday, but it was his younger and longer-priced stable companion Profit Warrant who snatched the prize in a photo finish.

Pat Mitchell, who trains the pair at Polegate, said: "They were both doing their best, but when the field jumped off and Calisolon was on terms, I thought he would win – he often gives away a lot of start." Calisolon certainly had every chance entering the final furlong, but he was not disgraced finishing fourth, hardly more than a length behind Profit Warrant.

Lucky Knight, blinkered for the first time, struck the front entering the final furlong, and kept battling away, but was just pipped by Profit Warrant.

Paul Bradwell had no doubt at all that he had won and wanted to take Profit Warrant into the winner's enclosure, but Pat Mitchell wouldn't let him. "Twice I've had Minmax moved from first to second in similar circumstances, so I'm taking no chances this time".

Profit Warrant carries the colours of Dr Peter Wu, a Hong Kong neurologist. His four-year-old is entered at Sandown Park on July 1, Hong Kong Day, when he is due to be ridden by the Hong Kong champion jockey, Tony Cruz.

Elain Mellor, gained her second success of the season when she brought the 5-1 chance Promindante home a length ahead of the 9-4 favourite Princess Henham, who had come from a long way back, in the OCS sponsored Ladies Stakes.

Mrs Mellor had to wait for confirmation of the result whilst the stewards inquired into possible interference, but the "all clear" was soon given. She said: "Promindante ran a bit green and hung left when we struck the front, but he responded when I went to straighten him and I never needed to hit him. We bought him out of Jeremy Hindley's stable to go hurdling and he's going to make a lovely jumper."

Stock Hill Lad, the 5-2 favourite for the 'seller', led virtually all the way, to beat Mrs Popely by half a length. He was the first racing success for his owner-breeder, Mrs Myfanwy Fairbairn, who has a small stud with five mares at Gillingham, Dorset.

Thrilled with her first winner, Mrs Fairbairn's big worry was whether she would keep him at the subsequent auction, but she was able to buy the colt in at 1,750 guineas, so just about broke even on her first success.

RACING

Elain Mellor leads the way on Promindante at Lingfield

Dancing in step

Henry Cecil produced an impressive newcomer, Defecting Dancer, to land odds of 7-2 laid on him with consummate ease in the John Holdrich Maiden Stakes at sunny Yarmouth yesterday. Sheikh Mohammed's home-bred colt is now bound for Royal Ascot.

Lester Piggott had Defecting Dancer neatly tucked in behind the leaders in the early stages, as Bold Realm just led Susa Steel. Two furlongs out the favourite eased his way to the front, and hacked home to cross the line with two and a half lengths to spare.

"We were very happy with Defecting Dancer. It's the first chance we've had of bringing him out and he will have gained valuable experience. He will go for the Windsor Castle Stakes, although he is also in the Norfolk Stakes," said Cecil.

STATE OF GOING: Beverley: good to soft. Newbury: good to soft. Yarmouth: good.

Lingfield results

Going: Heavy

2.0 (2.2) HALL HANDICAP £2,088: 1m 2f)
PROFIT WARRANT b c by Ashmore – Stipa (Dr P Wu) 4-9-2 ....[illegible] (11-2) 1
Lucky Knight ....S Dawson (9-1) 2
City Link Express ....B Rouse (16-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £9.50. Places: £2.80, £2.80, £3.20. DF: £38.10. CSF: £53.18. Pat Mitchell at Polgate. hd, ½l, Calisolon (15-8 fav) 13 ran. 2m 21.22sec. NR: Stonehenge.

2.30 (2.32 GRANGE STAKES (2-y-o selling: £936: 5f)
STOCK HILL LAD br c by John de Coombe – Bella Rosetta (Mrs M Fairbairn) 8-11 ....P Waldron (5-2 fav) 1
Mrs Popely ....A McGlone (7-2) 2
Miss Eglantine ....N Adams (33-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £3.80. Places: £1.60, £2.20, £4.90. DF: £8.80. CSF: £20.02. M Blanshard at Lambourn ½l, 1l, Make Me Happy (8-1) 4th, 9 ran. 1m 05.13sec.

3.0 (3.02) OCS SPONSORED STAKES (ladies: £1,570: 1m 4f)
PROMINDANTE ch g by Prominer – Hot Penny (S Tindall) 3-8-5 ....Elain Mellor (5-1) 1
Princess Henham ..Maxine Carvalho (9-4 fav) 2
Swing Moon ....Brooke Sanders (11-4) 3
TOTE: Win: £8.30. Places: £2.50, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £16.80. CSF: £15.98. S Mellor at Lambourne. 1l, hd. Detente (9-2) 4th. 14 ran 2m 54.39sec.

3.30 (3.31) LEISURE STAKES (£6,680: 6f)
SOLIMILE b f by Solinus – Mile By Mile (L Norris) 3-8-6 ....P Cook (8-1) 1
Kirchner ....T Jarvis (7-2) 2
Sweet Emma ....W Newnes (9-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £8.00. Places: £3.30, £2.30. DF: £14.60. CSF: £33.72. P Kelleway at Newmarket. hd, nk. Toast Of The Town (7-1) 4th. Winter Wind & Another Risk (100-30 jt fav). 7 ran. 1m 14.96sec.

4.0 (4.2) SECRET LEMONADE DRINKER HANDICAP (£2,018: 7f)
GOLDEN DECOY b f by Decoy Boy – Nina's Gold (W Ward) 3-8-5 .....A Dicks (7-2 jt fav) 1
Burlington Lad ....N Howe (16-1) 2
Silex ....R Still (4-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £3.60. Places: £1.80, £2.10, £2.20. DF: £17.80. CSF: £49.58. TRICAST: £206.64. D Tucker at Frome. 1$1/2 l, 6l. Hanabi (10-1) 4th. Walton Heath (7-2 jt fav). 11 ran. 1m 27.96sec.

4.30 (4.33) MANOR STAKES (2-y-o: maidens fillies: £2,092: 6f)
MARUTHAYOOR ch f by Sallust – Carosa (Dr K Menon) 8-11 ....W Carson (5-1) 1
Country Breeze ....A McGlone (16-1) 2
Betsy Bay ....B Raymond (5-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £5.90. Places: £1.70, £6.30, £2.80. DF: £128.50. CSF: £82.08. P Cole at Lambourn. 4l, hd. Triagona (7-1) 4th. Llinos (3-1 fav) 16 ran. 1m 15.49sec. NR: Bela Kun.
TOTE DOUBLE: Promindante, Golden Decoy. £22.10. TREBLE: Stock Hill Lad, Maruthayoor. £149.10. JACKPOT NOT WON. PLACEPOT WIN: £299.80.

Yarmouth

2.15 (2.18) JOHN HOLDRICH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,301: 5f 25yd)
DEFECTING DANCER b c by Habitat – Running Ballerina (Sheikh Mohammed) 9.0 ....L Piggott (2-7 fav) 1
Bold Realm ....J Murray (5-1) 2
Susa Steel ....B Taylor (33-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £1.10. Places: £1.10, £2.30, £1.70. DF: £3.80. CSF: £2.85. H Cecil at Newmarket. 2½l, ½l. Rigidsid (9-1) 4th. 10 ran. NR: Tudor Enterprise.

2.45 (2.47) TOLHOUSE HANDICAP (Selling: £808: 1m)
STONEHENGE gr g by Great Nephew – Fairy Ring (P Allen) 6-8-13 ....A Murray (11-1) 1
Hopstone ....S Cauthen (33-1) 2
Don Presto ....G Duffield (4-1 fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £22.20. Places: £4.10, £2.50, £1.00, £2.00. DF: £169.00. CSF: £295.51. Tricast: £1,551.56. P Burgoyne at Wantage 1½l, 1l. Simler (12-1) 4th. 18 ran. Bought in for 2,600 guineas. NR: Hiya Judge.

3.15 (3.18) PLEASUREWOOD HILLS HANDICAP (£2,204: 1m 2f)
ST PEDRO b h by St Paddy – Jinkin (Mrs I Griggs) 5-8-7 bl ....A Mackay (4-1 jt fav) 1
Firm Evaluation ....M Hills (7-1) 2
Roboat ....W Ryan (25-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £4.00. Places: £1.90, £2.10, £8.20 £4.90. DF: £14.40. CSF: £33.36. Tricast: £800.45. E Eldin at Newmarket. 2½l, nk. Sir Blessed (25-1) 4th. Funny Spring (4-1 jt fav). 18 ran.

3.45 (3.51) WOODY BEAR HANDICAP (£1,752: 5f 25yd)
BONNE BAISER ch f by Most Secret–Condonna (Parker Dyeing & Fin' Consits) 4-8-11 ....S Jarvis (3-1fav) 1
Schula ....R Hills(13-2) 2
Murray's Treasure ....T Rogers (9-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £4.10. Places: £1.70, £2.80, £1.30. DF: £16.10. CSF: £22.78. Tricast: £80.43. A Jarvis at Royston. ½l, 3l. Spacemaker Boy (5-1) 4th. 5 ran.

4.15 (4.19) AMERICAN THEME PARK MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: maidens: £1,387: 1m 6f)
FRANTONIOS ch g by Thatch – Slavissima (F Chao) 8-11 ....B Taylor (7-2) 1
Westview ....L Piggott (4-1) 2
Khyber ....G Duffield(11-8fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £8.40. Places: £1.80, £2.90, £1.00. DF: £8.30. CSF: £17.44. J Hindley at Newmarket. 2½l, 1l. Wojo (25-1) 4th. 16 ran.

4.45 (4.45) HOPTON STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £1,588: 6f)
MERAVAL ch c by Ahonoora – Sea Swallow (J Fisher) 9-0 ....P Robinson (7-2) 1
Fawzi ....B Taylor(16-1) 2
Yellow Domino ....S Cauthen(9-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £5.30. Places: £1.50, £6.10, £2.40. DF: £93.90. CSF: £54.81. M Ryan at Newmarket. ½l, 2l. Abjad (15-8fav). Sab-An (25-1) 4th. 20 ran.

TOTE DOUBLE: St Pedro, Frantonious. £18.15. TREBLE: Stonehenge, Bonne Baiser, Meraval. £36.20 tickets: 2. paid first two legs. PLACEPOT: £7.70.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

TOKYO: Japan Cup: Newcastle United 0, Botafogo (Br) 0; Japan 1, Syria 0.

Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	4	2	2	0	6	1	6
Botafogo	4	1	2	1	4	3	4
Yamaha	4	1	2	1	3	3	4
Syria	4	1	1	2	3	4	3
Japan	4	1	1	2	2	7	3

SEOUL: Presidents Cup: Group B: P.S.V. Eindhoven 4, Sudan 0; New Zealand 2, Ghana 1.

GOLF

US MEN'S MONEYWINNING LIST: (US unless stated): 1, L Wadkins, $261,498; 2, H Sutton, $260,174; 3, B Crenshaw, $242,219; 4, T. Kite, $212,862; 5, G Morgan, $204,172; 6, F Zoeller, $180,554; 7, C Peete, $178,838; 8, R Floyd, $158,495; 9, D Graham (Aus), $150,179; 10, F Couples, $147,880.
US WOMEN'S MONEYWINNING LIST: (US unless stated): 1, A Alcott, $102,550; 2, K Whitworth, $93,631; 3, A Miller, $93,357; 4, P Sheehan, $89,092; 5, N Lopez, $86,448; 6, P Bradley, $83,278; 7, E Daniel, $78,849; 8, H Stacy, $76,763; 9, J Stephenson (Aus), $76,054; 10, J Carner, $72,554.

SAILING

CAGLIARI: World Flying Dutchman Class Championships: Second stage: 1, A Adler (Br), 0pt; 2, D Szabolcs (Hung), 3; 3, S Young (US), 5.7; 4, G Knapp (US), 8; 5, G Fischer (WG), 10. Overall standings after two races: 1, Szabolcs 8pts; 2, A Batzill (RFA) 15; 3, Adler 31; 4, Young 31.7; 5, D York (WG) 31.

TENNIS

First Round: VENICE: Grand Prix: F Segarceanu (Rom) bt Z Franulovich (Yug), 6-0, 7-6; J Brown (US) bt E Adams (US), 6-4, 6-3; B Fritz (Fr) bt A Zugarelli (It), 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; G Ocleppo (It) bt E Olivera (Br), 6-4, 6-3; J Velasco (Col) bt P Bertolucci (It), 6-2, 6-1; F Cancellotti (It) bt P Cane (It), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

TRIATHLON

READING: United Kingdom Endurance Championship: (1 mile swim, 40 miles cycle ride, half-marathon run): 1, J Wood 3 hr 34 min 44 sec; 2, M Harris 3:48.45; 3, D Nightingale 4:07.00. Women: 1, J Kendall 4:15.00;

SPEEDWAY

WROCLAW: World Pairs semi-final: 1, New Zealand (I Mauger/L Ross) 28; 2, Australia (W Sanders/B Gogdaim) 25; 3, Denmark (H Nielsen/E Gundersen) 23. Pairs eliminated: 4, Czechoslovakia 18; 5, Poland 14; 6, Netherlands 8; 7, Bulgaria 4.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Sunday: Minnesota Twins 10, Boston Red Sox 4; Toronto Blue Jays 5, Baltimore Orioles 2; Oakland Athletics 8, Cleveland Indians 3 (and 9-2); Milwaukee Brewers 5, California Angels 4; Seattle Mariners 8, New York Yankees 7; Kansas City Royals 7, Chicago White Sox 5 (and 2-5); Detroit Tigers 5, Texas Rangers 4. Monday: Detroit Tigers, 11, Boston Red Sox 6; Milwaukee Brewers 9, California Angels 7; Baltimore Orioles 6, Toronto Blue Jays 1; New York Yankees 6, Seattle Mariners 2. Postponed: Cleveland Indians v Oakland 'A's.

Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore Orioles	30	23	.566	–
Boston Red Sox	28	23	.549	1
Toronto Blue Jays	28	23	.549	1
Milwaukee Brewers	26	24	.520	2½
New York Yankees	27	25	.519	2½
Detroit Tigers	26	25	.510	3
Cleveland Indians	23	28	.451	6

Western Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
California Angels	30	23	.566	–
Oaklands Athletics	26	26	.500	3½
Kansas City Royals	23	24	.489	4
Texas Rangers	24	26	.480	4½
Chicago White Sox	24	27	.471	5
Minnesota Twins	23	31	.426	7½
Seattle Mariners	23	33	.411	8½

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 3, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; Houston Astros 6, Cincinnati Reds 3; New York Mets 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 2; Philadelphia Phillies 2, San Diego Padres 1; St Louis Cardinals 8, Atlanta Braves 3; Montreal Expos 12, San Francisco Giants 9.

Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St Louis Cardinals	27	21	.563	–
Montreal Expos	26	22	.542	1
Philadelphia Phillies	21	24	.467	4½
Chicago Cubs	22	28	.440	6
Pittsburgh Pirates	18	29	.383	8½
New York Mets	18	31	.367	9½

Western Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L Angeles Dodgers	35	15	.686	–
Atlanta Braves	34	18	.654	1½
San Francisco Gnts	28	24	.538	7½
San Diego Padres	24	27	.471	11
Houston Astros	24	30	.444	12½
Cincinnati Reds	23	30	.434	13

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Croydon Blue Jays 21, Regents Park Eagles 6; Essex Raiders 1 London Warriors 21. Second division: Wokingham Monarchs 11, Golden Green Sox 10.

RACING

Piggott overweight to tip scales for Orixo

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

The clash between Orixo and Lord Protector in the Hermitage Stakes promises to be the high spot of the racing at Newbury today. Hern admits to having quite a number of horses coughing and running temperatures at West Ilsley, but Orixo has escaped so far.

It was the thunderstorms on the eve of the Derby and the ensuing heavy ground that was responsible for his late withdrawal from the Diomed Stakes at Epsom a week ago. So Orixo still has not been seen since he finished second to Diesis in the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket last autumn.

Likewise, Lord Protector, a frequent galloping companion of Diesis last year, has not been seen in public since he put up that very disappointing performance in the Hyperion Stakes at Ascot last October, a performance which was all the more of a letdown considering he had beaten this year's 2,000 Guineas runner-up Tolomeo in his first race at Great Yarmouth.

Lord Protector would have been seen before now had he not bruised a foot in April. Today, though, he will have to carry at least 3lb overweight instead of his alloted 8st 2lb, as Lester Piggott at his very lightest does only 8st 5lb and more usually 8st 6lb. That could be the deciding factor in Orixo's favour.


Willie Carson rides Orixo

Hungarian Prince, who finished third in the Gerry Feilden Memorial Stakes at Newmarket, and third, too, in the XYZ Handicap at Newcastle, and Riverside Artist both have adequate form to their credit but not adequate enough to topple OriUxo and Lord Protector, who stand out head and shoulders above their rivals.

Piggott has another fancied ride for Henry Cecil in the Berkshire Stakes on Rex Lake, who won his first race at Newmarket before losing his next at Goodwood, albeit by only a short head. However, it is doubtful whether Rex Lake will manage to give 7lb to Geoff Lewis's promising colt Turn And Fly who shaped so nicely at Lingfield when he finished third to the more experienced Astral King.

Milord, who finished eight lengths behind Precocious in the National Stakes at Sandown, will be a threat to Turn And Fly and Rex Lake if that race has brought him on as much as his connexions hope. His rider, Pat Eddery, understandably elated after his latest classic triumph on Caerleon in the French Derby, has better prospects though in the Twyford Stakes on the Lingfield winner La Grigia, whose stable and travelling companion Follow Me Follow could be the one to watch in the Ilsley Maiden Stakes ridden by Piggott.

Follow Me Follow is out of a half-sister to Honeyblest, who was very quick and won the George Smith Memorial Handicap Stakes in his heyday.

Being by Bustino, Luck Penny may not boast the sort of pedigree that one associates with a fast horse but sprinting is clearly her game judged on her form this season. And with Jeo Brown reducing her burden by claiming his allowance, she must have a good chance of winning the same race at the expense of Manimstar, who has been penalised for winning at Kempton.

Denied a chance of winning another Flat race at Lingfield on Monday when a waterlogged course caused the card to be abandoned early in the morning, that promising young hurdler Dancing Sovereign had another good opportunity, although more difficult than at Lingfield, in the Guinness Stayers Stakes

Climb aboard Alghuzaylah

By Michael Seely

Bold Secret has been installed favourite at 7-2 with the sponsors for the William Hill Trophy, the highlight of the 13th anniversary of Timeform's Charity day at York on Saturday. So far, £574,214 has been raised for cancer relief and other good causes. And once again an exciting day's racing is assured on the Knavesmire on the eve of Royal Ascot.

After beating Conrad Hilton in a fast time at the Craven meeting, Bold Secret showed himself to be a leniently treated horse by totally dominating a useful field in a sponsored handicap at the recent Newmarket meeting. Hills offer 5-1 against Autumn Sunset. Michael Stoute's three-year-old also appeared to be beating the handicapper when winning easily at Sandown on Bank Holiday Monday. Each way backers of Autumn Sunset at his quoted price should not be out of pocket.

This is always one of the most enjoyable week's racing of the year in Yorkshire. As usual, a talented bunch of two-year-old fillies will be seen in action in the Hilary Needler Trophy at Beverley's evening fixture. Six years ago, Tom Jones captured the trophy with the subsequent Cheveley Park Stakes winner, Devon Ditty. This time, the Newmarket trainer is hopeful of a good showing from Alghuzaylah. Pitasia's half sister shaped well when third to Red Line Fever at Haydock. She is sure to improve as a result of that race, and will be suited by Beverley's stiff uphill climb.

Alghuzaylah faces a formidable task. Paul Kelleway runs his Brighton winner, Tennis Penny who was slowly into her stride and was then unhappy on the track when third to Nophe in the Acorn Stakes at Epsom on Saturday. Boca Raton is one of Jack Berry's all-conquering team of two-year-olds. But this fast filly had 9st 1lb to carry.

Ricca Girl is highly thought of by the astute Jimmy Etherington and landed a gamble for he-connexions first time out at Newcastle. So, too, is Rocket Alert well regarded by Bill O'Gorman. At Newmart, this sharp looking filly by Red Alert ran Rizla Blue to half a length. Rizla Blue went on to Ripon where she was beaten three lengths by Boca Raton at level weights. As Rocket Alert receives 10lb in weight from Berry's filly tonight, she is obviously going to take all the beating but Alghuzaylah remains the selection.

Just over half an hour earlier, some fast sprinters will be on view in the Bishop Burton Stakes. O'Gorman runs Camisite. The five-year-old has been rather disappointing this season, but showed signs fo returning to his best when only narrowly failing to concede 19lb to Kathred in a handicap at Doncaster. Mac's Palace won three races last season for O'Gorman but was then sold privately to Michael Blanshard. He looked backward in appearance before finishing last behind Pusey Street in a handicap at Newbury in May. He was facing a difficult task at the weights and will be more at home in this conditions race.

Touch Boy and Top O'The North are others with chances. Berry won a couple of handicaps with Touch Boy last season, and is hopeful of placing the 1981 Portland Handicap winner to win a pattern race this year.

POINT-TO-POINT

Fitting climax to a fine season

By Ian Reid

Though one fixture still remains, the Torrington Farmers' at Umberleigh on Saturday, the climax of the season was reached last week-end, with the two big hunter steeplechases at Stratford and the re-arranged Melton Hunt Club meeting at Garthorpe.

Jim Wilson can have ridden few 20-1 hunter chase winners, yet Otter Way was allowed to start at these generous odds for the Horse and Hound Cup, even though he had been beaten by only a short head in the race last year. Incredibly, he had won it, and the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown, as long ago as 1976. Oliver Carter's wonderful 15-year-old received a rapturous welcome on his return to the winner's enclosure.

The previous evening the same owner's grey Fishleigh Gamble, ridden by Polly Curling, quickly established a long lead in the John Corbet Cup, but was weakening rapidly when he unseated his rider four fences out. Housemistress seemed to be going the best of all when she was brought almost to a standstill by a loose horse at the second last. Casa Knipe seized his opportunity and, gamely though Housemistress fought back, she was still a length and a half down at the finish.

At the Melton last Saturday the holder, Peter Greenall, and Joey Newton each started three winners behind John Llewellyn for the leading rider title. The day began badly for Greenall when his mount in the opening Members' race, the 5-2 on favourite, Killinick Buck, was beaten by the 3-1 second favourite, Scots Salute.

Joey Newton went one ahead of the champion with a comfortable win on Ryedale in the Marie Curie Foundation Novice Championship. He looked like making it two up when Rikki Tikki Tavi led Boonabaroo by two lengths at the second last in the Farmers race, only to unseat his rider, leaving Peter Greenall's horse to win by a distance. Greenall in turn went one ahead when Cheekio Ora held off Newton's challenge on Barleydale in the men's open.

Earlier, Emma Newton had kept the family flag flying by winning the Albright & Wilson Ladies Championship fairly comfortably on Highgate Lady, despite Julia Dean's gallant effort to make all the running on the grey Stancombe Lady.

Meanwhile, John Llewellyn had scored once at Lydstep, winning the Tivyside Adjacent on Garrigill and thereby ending the day two ahead of Peter Greenall and three ahead of Joey Newton. The 1983 men's title is therefore Llewellyn's, unless the Torrington Farmers Open, with 57 entries, is divided next Saturday and Greenall, who has three possible rides in the race, can take both divisions in which case he would tie with Llewellyn for the championship.

In contrast to the men, Jenny Pidgeon had soon built up an unassailable lead in the women's table, ending the season with 18 wins, the same number that won her the title last year.

The 1983 Sean Graham Award, £100 and a trophy valued £250, with magnums of champagne for the runners-up, were presented to the owners of the leading 5, 6 or 7 yr old in each of the 14 areas at the Point-to-Point owners Association dinner at the Hilton Hotel, Stratford, last Saturday (see below).

Barbara Perry's Seine Bay, with eight wins, one second and a third, is in the lead for the Grand Marnier National Championship, but he could be pipped on the post if Derrick Llewellyn's National Clover wins at Unberleigh on Saturday. The Grand Marnier Novice Riders' Championships have been won by Mandy Lingard, aged 17, and David Wonnacot, 21.

Finally, let no one underestimate the threat to our sport contained in the Labour Party Manifesto pledge to "ban all hunting with dogs". No Labour candidate, however bleak his prospects in this General Election, should be left in any doubt about how strongly hunting people and point-to-point enthusiasts deplore this threat.

SEAN GRAHAM AWARDS Northern Area: 1. C. Hall's Foolish Hero (7 yrs) 60 pts. 2. Calders Flying Ace (7) 58. Yorkshire: Miss P. Lamb's Arctic Supreme (6) 48. R. Scholey's Ansuro (6) 45. North Western: B. Coles's Silent Reactor (7) 31. Mrs C. Brady's Tigerland (7) 28. Midlands: J. Newton's Ryedale (6) 60. P. Greenall's Boonabaroo (7) 46. West Midlands: R. Philips's Angerman (7) 38. A. Clowes's Brookside Boy (7) 28. South Midlands: J. Newton's Highgate Lady (6) 50. Mrs G. Pidgeon's Gatcombe Park (7) 28. East Anglia: Mrs M. Shepherd's Newnham (6) 38. G. Cooper's Spartan Orient (7) 37. Sandhurst: P. Scouller's Pride of Down (7) 30. A. Spooner's Apeta's Sun (7) 18. South East: L. Vine's Barb's Beau (6) 54. Mrs J. Campbell's Jess Jim (6) 30. Welsh Borders: E. Farr's Millstream (7) 36. P. Corbett's Tanker (6) 35. South Wales & Monmouth: The Late Mr W. Ackley's Loch Raven (7) 38. S. Cottrell's Western Princess (7) 29. West Wales: W. Hancock's Anascend (6) 38. G. Reynold's Celtic Hill (6) 20. Taunton: T. Debenham's Hawkridge (7) 48; A. Luff's Brent Mystery (7) 30. Devon & Cornwall: P. West's Quinner (7) 42. Mrs M. Turner's Golden Singer (7) 24.

BLINKER FIRST TIME: Newbury: 3.30 Milord. Yarmouth: 2.15 Zahav. 3.15 Sir Humphrey. 4.45 Roman Realm. Beverley: 7.10 Camisite.

OFFICAL SCRATCHINGS: Coral Eclipse Stakes Sandown, Sussex Stakes Goodwood, Nassau Stakes Goodwood and Waterford Crystal Mile Goodwood: Typhoon Polly. Gosforth Park Cup Handicap Newcastle: Golden Green.

Newbury

Tote: Double 3.0, 4.0. Treble 2.30, 3.30, 4.30.
Draw: No advantage.

2.0 ISLEY STAKES (2-Y-O maiden fillies: £3,124: 5f) (16 runners)

101		ACCURACY (Miss B Swire) G Balding 8-11	John Williams	8
104		BRI-ETTE (Mrs D Redfern) J Holt 8-11	Angela Frampton 7	14
105		CLOCK 'EM M Jarvis 8-11	B Raymond	4
108		ELAINE ANN (A Papotto) I Walker 8-11	P Colquhoun	3
110		FAST BAY (Esal Commodities) G Lewis 8-11	P Waldron	16
112		FOLLOW ME FOLLOW (Sheik Ali Abu Khamsin) J Winter 8-11	L Piggott	10
113	00	FOREST TRACK (T Hope) J F Cann 8-11	I Johnson	1
114	0	GENTLE GODDESS (Mrs E Snook) P Cundell 8-11	R Fox	11
116		KALLIBARA (J Sumner) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	6
117		LONELY STREET (G Wyeth) D Laing 8-11	W Higgins	9
118		LOTUS PRINCESS (T Crawford) R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone 5	5
119	00	MRS FEATHERS (J Byng) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	7
121	0	NEPHRITE (Baroness H Thyssen) R Houghton 8-11	R Fox	15
122		PICTORIAL (Ld Porchester) I Balding 8-11	Pat Eddery	12
124	2	SONG OF THE DAWN Dr K Menon) P Cole 8-11	W Carson	13
126	0	STORM FOOT (P Fahey) B Hills 8-11	S Cauthen	2

11-4 Pictorial, 7-2 Song Of The Dawn, 4 Follow Me Follow, 6 Fast Boy, 7 Storm Foot, 10 Clock 'Em, 14 Nephrite, 20 others.

2.30 HERMITAGE STAKES (£4,116: 1m) (10)

201	004030-	SHARLIE'S WIMPEY (C) (Tutsa Holdings) J Bethell 4-9-0	–	4
203		BRACKEN REED (P Howell) I Walker 4-8-7	P Colquhoun	6
205	00000-	CHEVENING (Mrs m Rowley) D Sasse 5-8-7	D Mckay	10
206	0-	FAIT ACCOMPLI (N Graham) J Dunlop 4-8-7	B Rouse	2
207	0-	SLATE (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 4-8-4	N Dawe	1
209	31-303	HUNGARIAN PRINCE (J Smith) R Sheather 3-8-2	–	5
210	13-	LORD PROTECTOR (B Kirkorian) H Cecil 3-8-2	L Piggott	9
211	4210-	NORTH STREET (Mrs T Donahue) J Hindley 3-8-2	A Kimberley	7
212	0412-	ORIXO (Mrs A Plesch) W Hern 3-8-2	W Carson	8
213	2140-43	RIVERSIDE ARTIST (S Mason) N Vigors 3-8-2	W Newnes	3

13-8 Orixo, 9-4 Lord Protector, 8 Riverside Artist, 10 Slate, 12 Hungarian Princer, 14 North Street, 16 Fait Accompli, 25 others.

3.0 GUINNESS HANDICAP (£4,487: 1m 5f 50yd) (9)

301	03133-4	VOYANT (Mrs J de Rothschild) B Hobbs 4-9-10	P Waldron	8
302	212-400	BREVET (CD) (Ld H de Walden) P Walwyn 4-9-3	J Mercer	6
303	10100-0	ANOTHER SAM (C) (J Norman) R Hannon 6-9-3	B Rouse	9
304	3410/03	CRISPIN (J Darby) J Dunlop 6-8-6	W Carson	1
305	4013-03	WEAVER'S PIN (Mrs M Francis) M Francis 6-8-4	Pat Eddery	5
307	34-1130	PERCASE (Lady Dunphie) I Balding 4-7-13	J H Brown 5	7
309	20000-2	DANCING SOVEREIGN (Mrs P Dorse) Mrs N Smith 4-7-7	R Hills 3	4
310	0404-13	NORTH BRITON (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-7-7	D Mckay	2
311	020-000	LIGHT AND SHADE (D Travers-Clark) K Brassey 4-7-7	R Street	3

3 Percase, 4 Voyant, 5 North Briton, 13-2 Another Sam, 7 Dancing Sovereign, 8 Weaver's Pin, 12 Brevet, 16 Crispin, 20 others.

3.30 BERKSHIRE STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,331: 5f) (5)

401	12	REX LAKE (D) (Mrs M Burrell) H Cecil 9-1	L Piggott	5
402	13	DERRY RIVER (D) (P Goulandris) D Laing 8-11	W Newnes	1
406	2	JOHNNY FRENCHMAN (Mrs D Strauss) R Hannon 8-8	B Rouse	4
409	0	MILORD (B) (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-8	Pat Eddery	2
411	3	TURN AND FLY (Esal Commodities) G Lewis 8-8	P Waldron	3

4-7 Rex Lake, 11-2 Derry River, 6 Johnny Frenchman, 7 Turn And Fly, 12 Milord.

4.0 GEORGE SMITH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,155: 6f) (11)

504	211200-	SPARKLING MOMENT (D) (Miss S Kane) D Arbuthnot 9-7	–	11
505	0-03010	DEPUTY HEAD (D) (P Cellard) J Holt 9-6	P Waldron	9
506	004-221	MANIMSTAR (D) (B) (M Jarvis) M Jarvis 9-3 (7 ex)	B Raymond	2
507	10400-0	LANDSEER (D) (K Browning) D Sasse 9-1	D Mckay	10
508	01401-0	MARHARELI (B) (D) (K Abdulla) R Smyth 8-13	W Carson	1
511	300	FATTY'S CHOICE (I Wasserman) G Balding 8-13	W Higgins	5
513	3-010	VINO ROSSO (H Joel) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	8
514	00-0221	LUCK PENNY (P Mellon) I Balding 8-6	J H Brown 5	4
515	0310-00	FAIR MADAME (D) (B) (E Wallace) C Booth 8-6	G Oldroyd	3
516	333-340	IT'S A PLEASURE (Mrs M Hunt) W Whightman 8-7	W Ryan 7	7
518	00340-0	ADMIRAL STEVE (Mrs K Seal) R Hannon 8-5	A McGlone 5	6

100-30 Luck Penny, 7-2 Deputy Head, 4 Manimstar, 6 Vino Rosso, 8 It's A Pleasure, 10 Maharali, 14 Fair Madame, 16 Sparkling Moment, 25 others.

4.30 TWYFORD STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £3,366: 1m 2f) (9)

602	4-301	LA GRIGIA (D) (D McIntyre) J Winter 9-0	Pat Eddery	2
605	01	HONEYBETA (L Freedman) H Cecil 8-10	L Piggott	1
606	223-000	SHARP SEA (Mrs S du Buisson) B Hobbs 8-10	G Baxter	9
608	01	VEDUTA (Mrs M Clark) H Candy 8-10	W Newnes	7
609	0	ALLEGORY (W Campbell) J Dunlop 8-7	B Rouse	3
610	40-	BEACH LIGHT (Ld Harrington) M Jarvis 8-7	B Raymond	4
611	00-	BERTHA (M Berger) R Baker 8-7	P Waldron	6
612	00-	BOLD MANEUVER (R Rossso) M Francis 8-7	W Carson	8
617	0	SIBLEY (O Waller) P Walwyn 8-7	J Mercer	5

11-8 La Grigia, 15-8 Honeybeta, 7 Veduta, 10 Allegory, 12 Sibley, 16 Sarp Sea, 25 others.

Newbury selections

By Michael Phillips
2.0 Follow Me Follow. 2.30 Orixo. 3.0 Dancing Sovereign. 3.30 Turn And Fly. 4.0 Luck Penny. 4.30 La Grigia.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Follow Me Follow. 2.30 Lord Protector. 3.0 Voyant. 3.30 Rex Lake. 4.0 Manimstar. 4.30 La Grigia.

Yarmouth selections

By Michael Seely
2.15 Discreetly Yours. 2.45 Court Gossip. 3.15 Spanish Bold. 3.45 Hijaziah. 4.15 Cradle Of Jazz. 4.45 Roman Realm.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Discreetly Yours. 2.45 Royal Yacht. 3.15 Spanish Bold. 3.45 Bye Appeal. 4.15 Lahad. 4.45 Brockley Belle. 5.15 Brave Memory.

Beverley selections

By Michael Seely
6.45 Prince Of Light. 7.10 Macs Palace. 7.35 Alghuzayiah. 8.5 Jambalaya. 8.35 Madagascar. 9.5 Fighter Pilot.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
7.10 Camisite. 7.35 Rocket Alert. 8.5 Grundy Glow.

Yarmouth

Tote: double 3.15, 4.15. Treble 2.45, 3.45, 4.45.
Draw advantage: none.

2.15 FLEGGS STAKES (2-y-o selling: £668: 6f) (9 runners)

2	00	MALIBU LAD E Eldin 8-11	M Thomas	3
3	000	MR CARACTACUS K Ivory 8-11	R Cochrane	2
4	40	ZAHAV (B) K Ivory 8-11	P Young	4
5	0	CAROLINE'S GIRL M Hinchliffe 8-8	P Cook	9
6	0	CATCHGATE C Spares 8-8	W Goldsborough	8
8	00	DISCREETLY YOURS W Musson 8-8	T Ives	7
9	0	JACKS FOLLEY J Harris 8-8	S Keightley 7	1
13		SWEET TOOTH G Blum 8-8	S Carter 7	6
14	0	WATERS END (Mrs N Macauley 8-8	W Wharton	5

5-2 Discreetly Yours, 3 Malibu Lad, 9-2 Zahav, 6 Caroline's Girl, 10 Sweet Tooth, 12 Jacks Folley, 20 others.

2.45 CHASE BUILDERS STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,025: 5f 25yd) (15)

4		CHEEKY ROSES G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	D Gibson	5
5		COURT GOSSIP G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	G Duffield	9
6	02	FAIRSTEAD BELLE E Eldin 8-11	–	6
8	0	GAY BARBARELLA C Brittain 8-11	–	10
10	00	MEASLES G Blum 8-11	P Tulk	1
11		NAWAL Thomson Jones 8-11	P Cook	11
12	0	NEVER TURN BACK A Jarvis 8-11	L Charnock	7
14		QUEENS WELCOM J Winter 8-11	W R Swinburn	12
15		RARE GAL G Huffer 8-11	M Miller	3
17	0	ROYAL YACHT J Hindley 8-11	B Taylor	8
18		SAJEDA W O'Gorman 8-11	G Starkey	14
19		SALLY CHASE A Jarvis 8-11	J Murray	15
20	0	SANDRA G Blum 8-11	S Edwards 7	13
21		SHE'S LOUISE K Ivory 8-11	P Young	2
22		SUPERB PRINCESS K Ivory 8-11	R Cochran	4

7-4 Nawal, 3 Fairstead Belle, 6 Sajeda, 8 Court Gossip, Never Turn Back, 10 Queen Welcome, 12 Royal Yacht, 20 others.

3.15 RADIO NORFOLK HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,201: 1m 2f) (10)

2	03-0	CRADLE OF JAZZ J Hindley 9-7	DOUBTFUL	10
5	0-200	ENBYAR DAN (C) M Tompkins 8-13	R Curant	9
6	003-0	HARI-HARI-MOU (B) R Armstrong 8-12	G Duffield	3
8	00-13	SPANISH BOLD M Ryan 8-6	G Starkey	2
9	000-0	VIGOROUS VIGORS R Armstrong 8-6	P Tulk	1
10	0203	SWING TO ME C Brittain 8-6	P Robinson	8
12	0-00	FLYING PALACE R J Williams 8-2	R Cochrane	4
14	0130-	ASTARA M Stoute 8-0	W R Swinburn	5
15	00-0	HOT GOLD H Collingridge 7-12	B Crossley	6
16	0-00	SIR HUMPHREY (B) B Swift 7-9	M Thomas	7

9-4 Astara, 11-4 Spanish Bold, 4 Enbyar Dan, 6 Swing To Me, 10 Flying Palace, Sir Humphrey, Hari Mari Mou, 16 others.

3.45 HALVERGATE HALL HANDICAP (£1,699: 1m 6f) (13)

1	2121-	PARISIO D Morley 4-10-0	P D'Arcy	10
2	/1410-	BYE APPEAL J Winter 7-9-3	B Taylor	2
3	300-0	BOMBILI M Tompkins 4-8-13	R Curant	4
4	002-0	ANIECE F Durr 5-8-10	G Starkey	9
5	100-1	HIJAZIAH A Hide 4-8-10	A Murray	8
6	/000-0	STAR FLEET P Kelleway 5-8-7	–	7
8	34/40-	LONE RAIDER J Harris 6-8-7	S Keightley 7	13
10	1-000	VAL CLIMBER D Oughton 5-8-3	G Sexton	3
11	4-310	GOOD MAN FRIDAY D Thom 4-8-3	G Duffield	11
12	090-0	THE PAWN (B) M Ryan 4-7-12	P Robinson	12
14	/3000-	THE IRISH SHINE D A Wilson 5-7-7	B Crossley	5
15	0003-	BRIGADIER GREEN B Richmond 6-7-7	M Thomas	1
17	030-0	IVY THORNE A Hide 4-7-7	M Hills 5	6

11-4 Hijaziah, 7-2 Bye Appeal, 9-2 Parisio, 6 Good Man Friday, 8 Aniece, 10 Lone Raider, 12 Val Climber, 20 others.

4.15 MERCHANTS' HOUSE STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o maidens: £1,633: 1m 3f 100yd) (13)

1	00-40	ARROWOOD JUNCTION G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	G Duffield	6
6	03-0	CRADLE OF JAZZ J Hindley 9-0	B Taylor	9
9	0-	KAPRIELIAN M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	10
10	023-	LAHAB F Durr 9-0	G Starkey	12
11	0	MILLS ALLEGIANCE C Brittain 9-0	–	7
20	00-00	BARNEY MILLER M Ryan 8-11	P Robinson	2
24		HORSFORD HENRY I Walker 8-11	P Madden	8
25	20-0	IVER SAGA R J Williams 8-11	M Fozzard 7	13
31	30	PRESENT VALUE W Guest 8-11	E Guest 5	14
33	00-	SAINT JULIE C Spares 8-11	N Day	8
35		SAUSAGE D Morley 8-11	P D'Arcy	8
36		SHUKRIAA R Boss 8-11	–	3
40	0-0	ZETA A Hide 8-11	A Murray	3

15-8 Lahab, 3 Kaprielian, 9-2 Cradle Of Jazz, 6 Present Value, 8 Iver Saga, 12 Arrowood Junction, 20 others.

4.45 HEYDON HALL HANDICAP (Apprentices: £947: 7f) (13)

1	41-40	ROMAN REALM (B) W O'Gorman 4-9-10	T Proctor 5	5
3	0-000	PETE ROCKET (D) J Jenkins 4-9-9	–	8
4	0210-	HILLSDOWN LAD (D) J Harris 5-8-8	S Keightley	12
5	40-00	SMOKEY SHADOW (B) (D) E Eldin 6-8-7	G King 5	7
6	-1323	BOND DEALER (CD) (B) B Swift 6-8-5	G Dickie	2
9	1000-0	HERE'S SUE A Jarvis 4-8-10	–	9
11	340-0	GALLEA (CD) W Guest 5-8-7	S Jewell	4
12	330-0	HIYA JUDGE (D) A Bailey 5-8-7	A Wales 5	1
13	00-40	SALTCOTE MOSS ROSE M Tompkins 3-8-3	R Carter	3
14	0402	BROCKLEY BELLE C Spares 4-8-3	W Goldsborough	11
17	000-0	INVERSALE (B) A Jarvis 3-8-0	–	10
21	0-000	SCOTTISH AGENT (D) M Ryan 7-7-10	C Allen 3	13
23	000-0	PAT ON THE BACK G Blum 3-7-7	G Carter 5	6

3 Bond Dealer, 7-2 Roman Realm, 9-2 Brockley Belle, 6 Smokey Shadow, 7 Hillsdown Lad, 8 Here's Sue, 10 Gallea, 16 others.

5.15 MERCHANT'S HOUSE STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o maidens: £1,633: 1m 3f 100yd) (13)

2	23-2	BRAVE MEMORY J Hindley 9-0	B Taylor	5
12	02	POWERSAVER LAD M Jarvis 9-0	P Young	4
13	00	PRIMROSE LAD E Eldin 9-0	M Thomas	10
19	0	WORLING DUKE M Ryan 9-0	G Starkey	11
22	000-	CHOIR B Hobbs 8-11	C Rodrigues	2
26	0-0	KARENA PARK M Ryan 8-11	A Bond	7
27	00	LIBERATED GIRL R Boss 8-11	E Guest 5	8
29	040	MY LADY MURIEL G Huffer 8-11	M Miller	9
32	0-0	RUM RIVER M Tompkins 8-11	R Curant	1
34	0-00	SARAH GILLIAN P Kelleway 8-11	–	12
37	0	SWEET FRAGANCE R J Williams 8-11	R Cochrane	3
38	20-44	THESSALONIKI C Brittain 8-11	P Robinson	6
39	0	VIERGE D'OR H Cecil 8-11	N Day	13

11-8 Brave Memory, 7-2 Vierge D'Or, 5 Powersaver Lad, 7 Thessaloniki, 10 Primrose Lad, 12 My Lady Muriel, 20 others.

Beverley

Draw advantage: High numbers best.

6.45 HURN HANDICAP (Apprentices selling: £721: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

2	0-200	HOUGHTON WEAVER J Berry 4-8-9	M Berry	6
3	0/0-0	WANGAROO R Hartop 4-9-6	N Howe	3
4	000/0	GIBBON N Bycroft 7-9-4	M Richardson 7	12
7	000-0	DESERT AIR B Morgan 4-9-0	W Morris 7	14
8	000-0	BRAVE BRIDGE S Wiles 4-8-13	C Ollivier	9
10	00-00	DANCING KATE M James 8-8-12	–	4
11	0330-	LA BIRD H Wharton 4-8-10	N Carlisle	5
12	0-302	PRINCE OF LIGHT (CD) Denys Smith 11-8-10	M Fry	11
14	0/00-	STUBBINGTON GREEN (B) D Yeoman 6-8-10	M Beecroft	13
15	0/00-	SOVEREIGN CELLAR Miss L Siddall 5-8-10	A Mckay	2
16	00-00	LUCKY WEDDING A Young 4-8-9	A Charlton 7	10
17	0000/	SEEK HIM HERE (B) Mrs N Macauley 6-8-8	A Nesbitt	8
18	04-00	BELLE VUE R Hollinshead 10-8-8	Geraldine Thorpe 7	7
19	000/0	HALLO CHEEKY W Storey 7-8-9	J Carroll 7	1

5-4 Prince Of Light, 4 La Bird, 6 Belle Vue, 8 Houghton Weaver, 10 Dancing Kate, 14 Hallo Cheeky, 16 others.

7.10 BISHOP BURTON STAKES (£2,658: 5f) (13)

1	3002	CAMISITE (B) W O'Gorman 5-8-10	T Ives	3
2	010-0	CREE BAY (CD) J Spearing 4-9-10	P Cook	5
3	00-40	TOUCH BOY (D) (B) J Berry 7-9-10	K Darley	13
5	100-0	HADITOS (D) J Ethrington 4-9-7	M Birch	12
6	023-0	MAC'S PALACE (D) M Blanshard 3-9-1	J Lowe	10
8	3-000	TOP O'THE NORTH H W Easterby 3-9-1	E Hide	8
9	3-000	HABAT RAAPHORST M Ryan 4-8-0	–	6
10	0000	SILENT TEARS (D) M James 6-8-11	–	17
13		SPARK CHIEF F Durr 4-8-7	B Clements	9
14	0-	BURLEY HILL LAD A Cawley 3-8-5	J Matthias	2
16	00	TUGELA N Tinkler 4-8-4	L Charnock	1
17	124-0	MEDAALA (D) K Stone 3-8-2	J Bleasdale	4
18	4	PENCHETTA C Williams 3-8-2	A Mackay 3	11

13-8 Camisite, 11-4 Touch Boy, 5 Top O'The North, 8 Mac's Palace, Medaala, 14 others.

7.35 HILARY NEEDLER TROPHY (2-Y-O fillies: £4,103: 5f) (8)

1	2111	BOCA RATON (D) J Berry 9-1	K Darley	
4	212	DECCAN QUEEN (D) E Eldin 8-8	A Mackay	5
6	1	RICCA GIRL (D) J Ethrington 8-8	E Hide	6
7	13	TENNIS PENNY (D) P Kelleway 8-8	S Cauthen	2
8	3	ALGHUZAYIAH Thompson Jones 8-5	P Cook	7
11	0	HONOUR'S IMP C Gray 8-5	N Connorton	8
12	00	HOT MELODY W Guest 8-5	–	1
16	2	ROCKET ALERT W O'Gorman 8-5	T Ives	4

7-4 Rocket Alert, 5-2 Tennis Penny, 9-2 Boca Raton, 15-2 Deccan Queen, 12 Alghuzayiah, 16 Ricca Girl, 25 others.

8.5 WELTON STAKES (3-Y-O maidens: £1,007: 2m) (14)

1	0-003	CAPTAIN BLUE M Usher 9-0	N Howe 5	13
3	2000	CHEKIKA C Gray 9-0	N Connorton 3	5
6	2-002	GRUNDY GLOW J Hindley 9-0	B Clements	9
8	04-30	KAYUDEE J FitzGerald 9-0	–	7
10	00	MR McGIFF S Norton 9-0	J Lowe	2
14	000	SADDAM F Durr 9-0	–	16
15	0	SCOTCH RUN K Stone 9-0	C Dwyer	12
16		SPECIAL VINTAGE J FitzGerald 9-0	–	6
17	304	WHISKEY TIME C Brittain 9-0	A Barclay	4
19	0000	FRENCH GEMMA P Kelleway 8-11	S Cauthen	3
20	04	JAMBALAYA H Candy 8-11	J Matthias	10
21	0	MATIN M Camacho 8-11	M Birch	14
22		PAMPERMEE R Hollinshead 8-11	S Webster	1
23	0	SLAINTHE MHATH D Morrill 8-11	J Bleasdale	11

11-10 Jambalaya, 3 Grundy Glow, 11-2 Solitaire, 8 Whiskey Time, 12 Captain Blue, 16 others.

8.35 WESTWOOD HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,182: 1m) (9)

3	000-1	MADAGASCAR C Thornton 9-9 (5 ex)	J Bleasdale	3
4	01-03	BARA GILL W Haigh 9-7	T Ives	2
5	403-	INCENSE J Etherington 9-6	M Wood	9
6	03-00	LUCKY PLATTER M W Easterby 9-6	E Hide	6
8	0003	SEA REPPIN K Stone 9-4	C Dwyer	4
12	4-040	MONSANTO LAD K Stone 9-2	M Birch	7
13	00-0	HENRY GEARY STEELS Denys Smith 9-0	M Fry 5	8
16	0204	KELLY THORPE C Gray 8-10	N Connorton 3	1
18	0000	TABASCO STAR D Chapman 8-1	D Nicholls	5

Evens Madagascar, 9-2 Bara Gill, 6 Sea Reppin, 10 Incense, Lucy Platter, 14 Kelly Thorpe, 16 others.

9.5 BEVERLEY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,062: 1m 4f) (5)

4	00-01	FIGHTER PILOT C Thornton 9-11 (4 ex)	J Bleasdale	4
6	00-22	COSHLEA (B) J W Watts 9-7	E Hide	5
8	0-030	JAT R Hollinshead 9-6	S Perks	1
9	0042	LORD CHANTICLEER (B) D Morley 8-13	M Birch	2
10	00-00	FIORENZO M Camacho 8-11	J Lowe	3

11-8 Coshlea, 15-8 Fighter Pilot, 6 Jat, 8 Lord Chanticleer, 14 Fiorenzo.

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Dated this 8th day of June 1983
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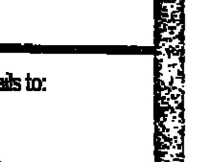
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Second invitation to prequalification for civil engineering contractors for the execution of the Great Cairo Wastewater Project

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Requests for prequalification documents shall be accompanied by a cashier's cheque or bank cheque payable to the Central Organisation for Reconstruction in the sum of £10.00.

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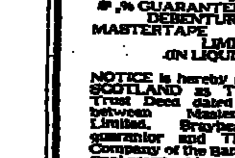


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(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)
7% Unsecured Notes 1975/84
Payment of Interest

Notice is hereby given that interest at the rate of 7% per annum for the six months ending 30 June 1983 will be paid to the holders of the 7% Unsecured Notes 1975/84 who are registered in the company's register of noteholders at the close of business on 17 June 1983.
The registers of noteholders in Johannesburg and the United Kingdom will be closed from 18 to 30 June 1983, both dates inclusive. Interest cheques, postdated to 30 June 1983, will be posted to noteholders on or about 23 June 1983.
This interest is payable in the currency of the Republic of South Africa, and the rate of exchange at which the payment will be converted into United Kingdom currency for the payments by the United Kingdom Registrars will be the telegraphic transfer rate of exchange between Johannesburg and the United Kingdom ruling on the first business day after 13 June 1983.
In terms of the South African Income Tax Act, 1962, as amended, a non-resident's tax of 10% has been imposed on interest payable to debenture holders whose addresses in the register of debenture holders are outside South Africa.
By order of the Board,

K A Bagg
Secretary
27 May 1983

Business address and registered office: Barlow Park Katherine Street Sandton	Transfer secretaries: Rand Registrars Ltd P.O. Box 31719 Braamfontein 2017 - South Africa	United Kingdom Registrar Lloyds Bank Ltd Registrar's Dept Goring-By-Sea Worthing West Sussex BN12 6DA England



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Bank of Scotland,
Trustee Department,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the half yearly debenture interest of 10% per annum will be paid on 30th June 1983 to debenture stockholders whose names appear on the register of debenture stockholders at the close of business on 23rd June 1983.
By Order of the Board
OH KIM SUN
MAK HING KWAI
Secretaries
Ladang Pinji,
Lahat, Perak,
Malaysia.
6th June 1983.

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(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)
7% Unsecured Notes 1975/84
("The Notes")
Ninth Capital Redemption

Notice is hereby given that the ninth capital redemption, being 1/10th of the capital amount of the Notes outstanding at 1 July 1974, will be paid to the holders of the Notes who are registered in the company's register of noteholders at the close of business on 17 June 1983. The registers of noteholders in Johannesburg and the United Kingdom will be closed from 18 to 30 June 1983, both dates inclusive.
Capital redemption payments will be made on 1 July 1983 to those noteholders who have surrendered their certificates to the company's registrars for endorsement by 30 June 1983. Thereafter, capital redemption payments will be effected against receipt of certificates lodged for endorsement and the attention of noteholders is drawn to condition 3(d) on the reverse side of the Notes' certificate.
The capital redemption payments will be in the currency of the Republic of South Africa, and the rate of exchange at which payments will be converted into United Kingdom currency for the payment by the United Kingdom registrar, will be the telegraphic transfer rate of exchange between Johannesburg and the United Kingdom ruling on the first business day after 13 June 1983.
By order of the Board,

K. A. Bagg
Secretary
27 May 1983

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Residential property/Baron Phillips

Hunting without going round the houses

Modern technology is making house-hunting easier. Already some agents offer a videotape sevice which helps a potential buyer decide whether a house or flat is worth visiting.

Last week a new organization was launched which will make things easier for buyers who have to move from one part of the country to another. Club 525 Homefinder has been established to link some small estate agent offices. Based on British Telecom's Prestel Viewdata system, the service already links estate agents' offices in 130 towns and cities in England and Wales. By 1984, 500 offices may be offering the service.

Club 525 gives a house-hunter immediate access to as many as 10,000 properties. Yet though the service does not aim to compete with established relocation services, which are more geared to the company market, it does give a clear idea of the type of properties available in an area without the time-consuming expense of the house-hunter travelling there first. There are also advantages for the vendor. Usually for no extra charge, the property will be given nation-wide exposure as it is fed into the viewdata system.

Richard Griffiths, founder and managing director of Club 525, says: "The club 525 homefinder service makes an improvement in the way people find new homes."

By simply walking into the nearest estate agency office displaying the Club 525 Home finder symbol a house hunter will be given selection of properies updated daily available in the town or area he wants to move to. Once he has expressed interest in say, six or seven properties, his name and address are fed into the system and automaticaly relayed to the agents selling those homes. The selling agents will then post further details of the properties, from which he can decide on those worth further investigation.

The success of a system like Club 525 depends largly on attracting a lot of estate agents so that a range of properties in virtually all areas can be offered. Mr Griffiths says his organization is launching a marketing campaign in Scotland this month.

While Club 525 aims at the individual house-buyer, Lloyds Bank, through its Black Horse Agencies, is now offering a corporate relocation service. The bank, which had become the country's largest estate agency chain with 124 offices throughout the South-east, East Anglia and the Midlands, announced last week it had acquired the Milton Keynes-based Anchor Relocation Services. The company will now be known as Blackhorse Relocation Services and operate from Lloyds's estate agency headquarters in London.

It is now just over a year since Lloyds moved into the estate agency business; it's latest acquisition is the Bournemouth-based practice of Rumsey & Rumsey with 13 offices. As the network expands perhaps it will not be too long before all its offices are linked in the same way as Club 525 members and, following the Anchor Relocation acquisition, will be able to offer a full moving service to clients.

One recently started company is offering a very individual house-hunting service that hopes to cover everything a buyer will ever need. House to House describes itself as a home-buyer's consultancy taking all the donkey work out of finding, negotiating and buying a house. It puts a finding, surveying, designing and planning service all under one roof. For about 1 per cent of the purchase price, House to House will inspect a property, provide colour photographs, sketch plans, maps, descriptions of the area and an assessment of the conditions and potential of the property.

House to House clients will also be advised on any necessary work, internally and externally, on the property they want to buy, including interior design and architect's plans for submission to planning authorities.

● A revised edition of *Be Your Own Solicitor* has been published. The book, written by Ross Giddings, is an extensive guide to property conveyancing for home-owners. Comprising 200 closely typed pages, it is in two sections, one for buying, the other for selling.

The author, whose first book on conveyancing appeared in 1977, breaks down the legal process into simple stages. To help homeowners judge how long the process should take, there is a minimum-time guide beside each stage of the procedure. *Be Your Own Solicitor* is published by Easy Transfer Company, 11 Connaught Place, London W2 2ET, at £7.95.

A hall in the home counties



About £325,000 is being sought for Bishops Hall, which is set in about 30 acres of Essex countryside, near Lambourne End. The house, built about 50 years ago, has four reception rooms with extensive oak panelling, and six bedrooms, two of the bedrooms, a bathroom and some ground-floor accommodation are arranged as a separate flat. The Chelmsford office of Savills are the agents.

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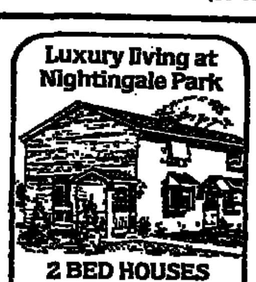
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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, sport and traffic details. Also available to those viewers with television sets without the teletext facility.

6.30 Breakfast Time presented by Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; keep fit between 6.45 and 7.00; tonight's television previewed between 7.15 and 7.30; a review of the morning papers at 7.32 and 8.32; pop music news between 7.30 and 7.45; horoscopes between 8.30 and 8.45; agony aunt between 8.30 and 9.00; and Glyn Christian prepares a traditional Scottish dish, Atholl Brose, to Mr Steel's specifications. Closedown at 9.00.

10.00 You and Me. (r). 10.15 For Schools, Colleges: Everyday maths. 10.40 Mind Stretchers (ends at 10.45). 11.00 Words and Pictures. 11.17 The Global Village. 11.40 Animals in Danger. For the hearing impaired. 11.55 Closedown.

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Sandi Marshall. 1.02 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). 1.05 Day Out. Gwyn Richards visits the cathedral city of Lichfield. 1.35 Interval.

1.45 The Flumps. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r). 2.01 For Schools, Colleges: Animals in Danger. 2.18 Tundra. 2.40 Merry-go-Round. 3.00 The Rainhill Story. A documentary about the railway trials of 1829; won by Stephenson's Rocket (r). 3.53 Regional news (not London or Scotland).

3.55 Play School. Shown earlier on BBC2. 4.20 All New Popeye Show. Two cartoons (r). 4.40 Chegwin's Plays Pop. The last in the series and Keith Chegwin's guests are Bucks Fizz. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Wildtrack. Su Ingle with the sad story of the black-browed albatross while Mike Jordan is on the trail of the mink.

5.40 News with Moira Stuart. 6.00 South East at Six.

6.25 Nationwide.

6.55 Triangle. Episode 18 and the ferry has engine trouble in Amsterdam while Mrs Landers and John begin a Mediterranean romance.

7.20 Top of the Pops. The latest popular records and the groups that have made them.

8.00 Fame. Drama and sub-plots abound at New York's High School for the Performing Arts. Coco falls for a young dancer while Miss Sherwood discovers the English student of her dreams.

8.50 Points of View. Barry Took with more letters of praise and condemnation from the viewing public.

9.00 News with John Humphrys and Campaign Report from Fred Emery includes interviews with Mrs Thatcher, Mr Foot and Mr Jenkins.

9.55 The Visit: Marjorie's Quest. The sequel to last night's The Boy David. David's surgeon, Ian Jackson, and his wife Marjorie, want to adopt David legally, but he has no papers or official identity. He is an illegal immigrant in this country and an illegal alien in the United States. This programme follows Mrs Jackson as she returns to the Peruvian jungle to find proof of David's identity.

10.45 Come Dancing presented by Peter Marshall. The first programme of the 33rd series features dancers representing Scotland against Home Counties South in the neutral surroundings of the Guild Hall, Preston.

11.35 News headlines and weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and Anne Diamond. News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 9.00 with headlines at 8.30; sport at 6.45 and 7.45; cartoon at 8.50; Eve Pollard reviews the daily papers at 7.05; Robert Kee's Election Special at 7.33; pop video at 7.55; Billy Whitelaw's Star Forecast at 8.05; today's television previewed at 8.33; Mrs Whitehouse discusses video nasties at 8.05; exercises at 9.15. Closedown at 9.25.

ITV/LONDON

9.30 For Schools: Well Dressing in Derbyshire. 9.42 The seashore between the tides. 9.59 What is an insect? 10.16 A sheep-farmer prepares for market day. 10.35 How the media reports on Britain's black population. 11.05 The role of computers in medicine. 11.22 A young nurse at a training hospital. 11.39 Life in the past at Browsholme Hall, Lancashire.

11.54 Cartoon Time: Popeye and the Pirates (r). 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy with The Vegetables. 12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets (r). 12.30 Movie Memories presented by Roy Hudd.

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 Crown Court: Too Bad for Tobias. Continuing the case of the two men accused of trying to bribe members of a jury (r). 2.00 A Plus. Reporter Gill Nevill talks to Sir Winston Churchill's granddaughter, Edwina Sandys, on board the QE2, en route for the British Sales New York arts festival.

2.30 A Country Practice. Drama series set in the Australian outback. 3.30 Three Little Words. Word association game for married couples. Presented by Ray Alan. The last in the series.

4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Cartoon: Bugs Bunny in Baby Buggy Bunny. 4.20 Film Fun – The Movie. Presented by Derek Griffiths. 4.45 What's Happening. News quiz between teams representing Radio West, Bristol, and Pennine Radio, Bradford. 5.15 Gambit. Quiz game presented by Tom O'Connor.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Edwin Thomas with news of the Magnus Workshop for unemployed young people.

6.35 Crossroads. Adam Chance receives a warning from David Hunter.

7.00 Where There's Life. Miriam Stoppard talks to a Japanese family whose father was in Hiroshima the day the bomb dropped.

7.30 Coronation Street. The battle for the chippie hots up and Mavis Riley finally gives her decision about the trial marriage.

8.00 Jim Davidson's Special. Comedy and music from the Cockney comic and guests who include Suzanne Danielle, Jack Douglas and the Pipes and Drums of the Second Battalion the Scots Guards.

9.00 Jemima Shore Investigates. A Splash of Red, part one. The first of a new series featuring Patricia Hodge as the investigative television journalist who, tonight, stumbles over the slashed body of the girl in whose flat she was staying.

10.00 News.

10.40 The Curse of King Tutankhamen's Tomb. Drama based on the book by Barry Wynne about the curse that followed those connected with the discovery of the pharaoh tomb. Starring Robin Ellis and Harry Andrews. The narrator is Paul Schofield (r).

12.10 Close with the Rev. Peter Lewis.

CHOICE

● Any new series is welcome in this present desert of repeats however light and frothy. **JEMIMA SHORE INVESTIGATES** (ITV 9.00pm) certainly won't tax the brain but it comes as light relief from the necessary soap-box coverage of the past three-weeks. Based on the character created by Lady Antonia Fraser, this two-part drama (episode two next week) is awash with beautiful people with names like Valentine, Chloe, Pompey and Sir Richard, all part of the world inhabited by Jemima, an investigative television reporter. Not unlike Jane, the Daily Mirror's former heroine, Jemima, played by unblemished Patricia Hodge, seems to unwittingly attract the wrong people. In this case, entitled A Splash of Red, she borrows her friend's luxurious Thameside apartment (opposite HMS Belfast, but for some reason this part of the 'wonderful view' is never shown) only later to find her friend slashed to bits when she should have been in the Camargue. All the murder suspects look confusingly alike but in the time-honoured manner we can be sure the culprit will not be the most obvious. Lady Antonia, in true Alfred Hitchcock fashion, is fleetingly glimpsed. Surely she can't believe that she is capable of emulating the master?

● Broadside's controversial **A GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT?** (Channel 4 10.15pm) is transmitted tonight without Mrs Whitehouse's blessing but at a later time than planned. The programme examines the latest boom in the video business – the 'nasties' – and contains scenes from two presently on offer, SS Experiment Camp and I Spit on Your Grave. Broadside interviews parents who do not mind their children watching degrading videos, talks to representatives of the trade and to those who wish to prohibit the sale of such material.

● Dr Anthony Clare returns tonight with a new edition of his compelling series **IN THE PSYCHIATRIST'S CHAIR** (Radio 4 8.45pm). His first guest is writer, broadcaster and recent convert to Roman Catholicism, Malcolm Muggeridge. He talks to Dr Clare about the major influences that have shaped his life, his work and his beliefs.

● Earlier, Beryl Reid is at her rambling best as an elderly arthritic pensioner who watches her life story on a broken television set, in David Wheeler's play **QUEENIE'S CHANNEL** (Radio 4 3.02pm).

Patricia Hodge: ITV 9.00pm.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Seventeenth-Century England. 6.55 Geology of the Alps: 1. 7.20 The Ghent Altarpiece. 7.45 History of Mathematics. 8.10 Closedown.

9.00 Gharbar. Magazine programme of interest to Asian women.

10.15 Play School. 10.40 Closedown.

12.30 Open University: Caring for Older People: Hospital. 12.55 Consumer Decisions. 1.20 Closedown.

5.10 The Greek Liturgy. An Open University production that joins Easter pilgrims from Greece and Cyprus on their way to the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

5.40 Film: The Kid* (1921) starring Charlie Chaplin and Jackie Coogan. Six-year-old Master Coogan plays the abandoned waif who is brought up by a tramp (Charlie Chaplin) only to be reunited with his mother at a later date. Keep the box of tissues handy. Script, music production and direction by Charlie Chaplin.

6.30 Cartoon Two: The Home Town (r).

6.35 Film: Lassie Come Home (1943) starring Roddy McDowell and Elizabeth Taylor. The hard-up Carraclough family are forced to sell their collie but the canine wonder becomes homesick and makes the tortuous journey from Scotland back to Yorkshire. Another box of tissues needed. Directed by Fred M. Wilcox.

8.00 News summary with titles.

8.05 Year of the French. June: The Spa Doctor. A documentary about the work of Dr Jean-Louis Bourdier who dispenses mud, massage and Vichy water to the hundreds of families who flock to his surgery in the summer (r).

8.35 Discovering Hedgerows. David Streeter and Rosamund Richardson examine the abundant flora that grows in the hedgerows of Britain in June (r).

9.00 Pinkerton's Progress. Comedy series set in a second-rate public school where the selfish staff think more of themselves than their pupils.

9.30 The Way of the Warrior. Part five: Eskrima – the Filipino Way. Narrated by Dennis Waterman.

10.10 Empire, Inc: Sir James's disappointment at both his sons being unfit to be his successor is assuaged by a suggestion that one of his daughters might step into his shoes.

11.00 Newsnight includes a look at the work of the election's returning officers.

12.00 Open University: Part 3: Systems Engineering. 12.25 Intrumentation: Fourier Analysis and Transducer Response. 12.50 Inorganic Chemistry: Bonding. Ends at 1.20.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Everybody Here. Multicultural amusement for today's children. Actress Shireen Shah tells a story from Pakistan; in London the programme examines, and listens to, a weng; the versatility of the camel is displayed; while in Gateshead papergirls Jackie and Dawn explain how newspapers are brought to consumers.

5.30 Countdown. Another round in the words and numbers game between two competitors ranged against the clock as well as each other. The quickfire questionmaster is Richard Whiteley assisted by Gyles Brandreth, to see fair play.

6.00 The Munsters: Herman is scuba diving when he is netted by a Russian trawler. The crew are naturally excited that they have discovered a new species or even the missing link, but back at the Kremlin the Politburo believe Herman is a new type of spy.

6.30 The World – A Television History. Continuing the series based on The Times Atlas of World History, narrated by Robert Powell. This week the programme covers the years 6,000BC to 2,000BC, a period when man became more gregarious and began to build towns on the fertile plains of the major rivers, notably in the Near East and China.

7.00 Channel Four News.

8.00 Brookside. Alan, Samantha, Barry and Petra, after a brief holiday on the Isle of Man find that all is not plain sailing on the ferry journey back to Liverpool.

8.30 Ike. The final episode of the three part drama based on the private and public life of General Eisenhower during the Second World War. Starring Robert Duvall as Eisenhower and Lee Remick as Kay Summersby, the British volunteer driver who became his wartime mistress.

10.15 Broadside: A Gentleman's Agreement? Anita Bennett reports on the boom in video "nasties" and its possible effects on children. Is the recently announced code of practice by the British Videogram Association sufficiently binding to stop undesirable films falling into the hands of children? Or is the concern expressed by various organizations, among them the NSPCC, justified?

10.45 Visions: Cinema. A special report on the young tigers of the Hong Kong film industry who are proving that films made in the colony are not all Kung Fu-type adventures. Ann Hui talks about her film, Boat People, which was shown at the Cannes Festival last week and among others interviewed are Tsui Hark, Kirk Wong, Shu Kei and Michael Hui. In addition Father and Son, a Hong Kong film that is due for a season at the ICA, is reviewed and its director Allen Fong is interviewed.

11.45 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming today.
6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.30, 8.30 News Headlines. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.07 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Midweek: Henry Kelly.†
10.00 News.
10.02 Gardeners' Question Time. Framlingham Horticultural Society, Suffolk. With the questionmaster, Ken Ford, are Bill Sowerbutts, Dr Stefan Buczacki and Daphne Ledward.
10.30 Morning Story: 'The Calling' by Alison Weaver.
10.45 Daily Service from the Chapel of Unity, St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast.†
11.00 News; Travel.
11.03 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records.
12.00 News.
12.02 You and Yours. Consumer advice. Paul Heiney and Patti Coldwell this week investigate the benefits of a home computer for children's education.
12.27 The Price of Silence. Serial in 9 parts by Stephen Barlay (7).†
12.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers.
1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour. Sue MacGregor's Guest of the Week is Derek Hammond-Stroud, the international opera and Lieder singer. Also featured is Divorce is Bad for the Pocket, a wry look at the break-up of a marriage by Rosemary Evans and Send Me a Postcard in which Karen Deco explores the scenic and cheeky world of picture postcards.
3.00 News.
3.02 Afternoon Theatre: "Queenie's Channel" by David Wheeler.
3.47 Time for Verse. Compiled and presented by Michael Ffinch. The reader is John Franklyn-Robbins.
4.00 News.
4.02 Just after Four. Donny MacLeod talks about the man he admires most.
4.10 File on 4: The Dump. Examining the issue of dumping radioactive waste at sea.
4.40 Story Time. "The breaker" by Kit Denton (11).
5.00 PM: News magazine 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 My Music, Quiz. The questions are set by Steve Race and put by him to one team comprising John Amis and Frank Muir and another consisting Ian Wallace and Denis Norden.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint. Roger Cooke investigates listeners' experience of unfair dealing.
7.45 A Musical Evening with Rita Hunter. The celebrated soprano in conversation with Teleri Bevan. After a long association with the English National Opera, dating from their acclaimed Ring cycle in the early 1970s, Rita Hunter has now moved to Australia where she is performing roles as varied as Isolde and Norma. She talks to Teleri Bevan about the early days of her career working in musical comedy and her rise to fame. She is also heard performing works by Weber, Puccini, Verdi and some of the lighter music which she still loves.
8.45 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (new series) Dr Anthony Clare interviews Malcolm Muggeridge.
9.30 Kaleidoscope presented by Natalie Wheen. The programme includes a review of Gounod's Faust at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, conducted by Charles Dutoit making his first working appearance at the Opera House; and there is news of the Giles Cooper Awards for the best radio plays of 1982.
9.59 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight: News.
10.30 Radio Active.†
11.00 A Book at Bedtime: "The Turn-around" by Vladimir Volkoff (8).
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Election Platform. Extracts from the day's major speeches.
12.00 News; Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast; Inshore Waters Forecast.

ENGLAND: VHF with above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. 10.00-10.45 For Schools: 10.00 Music Makers 10.20 Something to Think About 10.30 Salut les jeunes! French II. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Singing Together 11.20 The Music Box 11.35 Noticeboard 11.40 Sounds of Brass. 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.00-3.00 For Schools 2.00 Movement and Drama I. 2.20 Oral History. 2.35 News for Teachers. 2.45 Nature. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4: Prefaces to Shakespeare: Antony and Cleopatra. 11.30-12.10 Open University: 11.30 War and Peace in the Age of Reason. 11.50 The Religious Historian's Approach.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Shostakovich, Chopin, Copland; records.†
8.00 News.
8.05 You Mid-week Choice (continued) Holst, Schumann, Mozart; records.
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composers: Reger and Pfitzner; records.†
10.00 Haydn, Stravinsky and Brahms: Chamber music.†
11.40 Houston Symphony Orchestra: Franck; record.†
12.25 Words by Goethe: Song recital: Beethoven, Liszt, Busoni.†
1.00 News.
1.05 Concert Hall: String Quartets by Prokofiev and Ravel.†
2.00 Hindemith and Walton: Orchestral concert.†
4.00 Choral Evensong from the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
6.30 Jazz Today.†
7.00 John Mills. Guitar recital: Smith Brindle, Brouwer, Poulenc, Roussel.†
7.30 A Berkeley Birthday Concert: Chamber music and songs direct from the Wigmore Hall, London. Lionel Friend conducts the Nash Ensemble of London, with tenors Ian Partridge and Adrian Thompson, in a programme opening with Mozart's Flute Quartet in C, followed by Lennox Berkeley's Sextet for clarinet, horn and string quartet; Four Ronsard Sonnets, and Quartet for oboe and string trio. The concert closes with Ravel's Piano Trio in A minor.†
8.25 Six Continents.
8.45 Concert: Part 2: Berkeley, Ravel.†
9.35 Schubert Symphony No 3; record.†
10.00 The Invisible Performance. First of two talks about the literature of radio by Ronald Hayman. Mr Hayman shows how playwrights have used radio to explore the ability of language to give a name to things. His other talk is entitled Radio and the Theatre and is broadcast on Saturday on Radio 4 at 10.00pm.
10.45 Egon Wellesz: Music for chorus and organ.†
11.15 News.
VHF ONLY – OPEN UNIVERSITY: 11.20pm: Social Sciences Magazine (4). 11.40-12.00 The Case of William Tyndale.

Radio 2

5.00 Ken Bruce†. 7.30 Terry Wogan†. 10.00 Jimmy Young†. 12.00 Music While You Work†. 12.30 Gloria Hunniford including 2.02 Sports Desk†. 2.30 Ed Stewart including 3.02 Sports Desk†. 4.00 David Hamilton including 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk†. 6.00 John Dunn including 6.45 Sports and Classified Results (mf only); 7.28 Cricket Desk†. 7.30 Frank Chatsfield. The Splendour of Strings†. 8.15 Listen To The Band with Charlie Chester†. 9.00 The Organist Entertains with Nigel Ogden. 9.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Grumbleweeds. 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Folk on 2†. 2.00-5.00 Charles Nove presents You and the Night and the Music†.

Radio 1

6.00 Adrian John with The Early Show. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 Radio 1 Mailbag. 8.00 David Jensen. 10.00 John Peel†. 12.00 Close.

VHF Radios 1 and 2. 5.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00pm With Radio 2.

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6.00am Newsdesk. 6.30 Diversions. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 7.30 The Brotherhood of Brass. 7.45 Report on Religion. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Golden Age of Operetta. 8.30 Peter Clayton's Zodiac. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Music in the Family. 10.15 Martial Rites. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Listening Post. 11.30 Meridian. 12pm Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 1.30 This Love Shall Drink its Fill. 2.15 Report on Religion. 2.30 Peter Clayton's Zodiac. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Diversions. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 8.30 Assignment. 9.00 Network UK. 9.15 Stories by Chekhov. 9.30 Jazz for the Asking. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Martial Rites. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Listening Post. 12.45 Peter Clayton's Zodiac. 1.15 Outlook: News Summary. 1.45 Sing, Sing, Sing. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 The Quartet. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary. 5.45 The World Today.
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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1
WALES: 1.02-1.05 News of Wales Headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales Headlines. 6.00-6.25 Wales Today. 11.35 News and weather; SCOTLAND: 1.00-1.05 The Scottish News. 6.00-6.25 Reporting Scotland. 11.35 News and weather; NORTHERN IRELAND: 1.02-1.05 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 6.00-6.25 Scene Around Six. 11.35 News and weather; ENGLAND: 6.00-6.25 Regional News magazine. 11.40 close.

S4C
Starts: 2.20pm Ffalabalam. 2.35 Interval. 3.10 Alter Image 3.40 Years Ahead. 4.20 For What It's Worth. 4.50 Clwb S4C. 4.55 Pila-Pala. 5.00 Elry Aur A Jac Trafis. 5.30 The Munsters. 6.00 Brookside. 6.25 Countdown. 6.55 Gair Yn Ei Bryd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Doniau Cain. 8.00 Gwely A Brecwast. 8.30 Unwaith Eto 'Nghymru Annwyl' 9.20 Ike, part II. 10.55 Broadside. 11.15 Eleventh Hour. 12.50am Gair Yn Ei Bryd. 12.55 Closedown.

ULSTER
As London except: Starts 11.55-12.00 Cartoon. 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 2.30 Venture – Computer Special. 3.00-3.30 Laurel and Hardy: Early to Bed" 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 Good Evening, Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 12.10am News, Closedown.

GRANADA
As London except: 11.50am-12.00 Wattoo, Wattoo. 1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports. 2.00-2.30 Exchange Flags. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies. 6.00 This is Your Life. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.10am Paris By Night. 12.40 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN
As London except: Starts 9.25am-9.30 First Thing. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.30-3.30 Big Shamus, Little Shamus. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 12.15am News. 12.20 Closedown.

SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.30-3.30 Love Boat. 5.15 Crossroads. 5.40-5.45 Action Line. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Report. 12.10am Late Call. 12.15 Closedown.

TYNE TEES
As London except: starts 9.25am-9.30 News. 1.20pm News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs are. 2.30-3.30 Bracken. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.10am Epilogue. 12.15 Closedown.

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.30 Simon and Simon. 3.30-4.00 Afternoon Serial: Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 10.40 Venture. 11.10 Film: Last Remake of Beau Geste. Marty Feldman comedy. 12.45am Closedown.

HTV WEST
As London except: 11.54am-12.00 Cartoon. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.30 Holding the Fort. 3.00-4.00 Country Practice. 5.15-5.45 Make Me Laugh. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.10am Living Legends of Jazz and Blues. 12.40 Closedown.

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six. 10.40 Film: Dillinger (Warren Oates) FBI moves to capture the gang chief. 12.35am Closedown.

TSW
As London except: 11.55am-12.00 Look and See. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.30-3.30 QED. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 That Chat Show. 12.10am Portrait of a Legend. 12.35 Postscript. 12.41 Closedown.

CHANNEL
As London except: 11.55am-12.00 Look and See. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.30-3.30 Q.E.D. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30-7.00 One For Your Video. 12.10am Portrait of a Legend: James Brown. 12.35am Closedown.

BORDER
As London except: 11.54am-12.00 Mr Magoo. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00-6.35 Look Around. 12.10am News. 12.13 Closedown.

TVS
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Joanie Loves Chachi. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.10am Company, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent strokes. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.10am Closedown.

ANGLIA
As London except: 11.55am-12.00 Wattoo Wattoo. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.10am Dear Diary, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat.

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In the third of a series of interviews with the four party leaders, Julian Haviland, Political Editor, talks to Margaret Thatcher about her hopes for a second term

Mrs Thatcher: Exhilarated by the campaign

Are you exhilarated by campaigning, or is it a strain?

When I am out on a campaign trail, yes, I am exhilarated by it. Nevertheless it seems to be quite a long campaign, because my mind cannot help addressing itself to the longer term problems and yet I have to discipline myself and say, no, you must not count your chickens.

It is really quite a tussle, because by nature I like to have everything prepared. I would like to have made decisions today that I know I have to make at the weekend, but unless I get it right on Thursday, I won't be able to make those decisions, so you see the constant tussle.

If you are reelected tomorrow, will it be on promise or performance?

I think it will be because people voted for us last time to take a different direction, and they are endorsing that because they know what we are doing is fundamentally sound. They believe that, given time, it will work. So it is a combination of both.

If the electors' hope is betrayed, would you expect retribution in 1987 or 1988?

I do not believe their hope will be betrayed. I think the other way we were going led to the relative decline of this country. We are now starting to compete and I am sure the way we are going is the way to go.

When you tell a television interviewer not to stop you because you are in "full flood", is that because you are excited, or a little overbearing, or what?

No, he (*Brian Walden on Weekend World*) asked me a question about our strategy for jobs. That is crucial to the whole election, and I most certainly was not going to give only half an answer, and the advertisers had to wait.

Now you have done the job, are you more confident of your capacity than you were in your 1979 campaign?

Yes.

Is there an issue above all on which this election has turned?

I think defence has played a bigger part than in any other election I remember, and I think it is the general handling of the economy. I think the question there is do you go for the magic cure, which you know will not cure, and is not magic, and does not exist, or do you address yourself to the fundamental problems which in your heart of hearts you know you ought to have addressed yourself to years ago. That, I think, is why we are winning.

If Labour is crushed tomorrow, what effect do you think that will have on our national life?

I think it would lead to the kind of reform of the Labour Party which Gaitskell wanted to pursue, and that would be very much better for everyone, in my view – it is not my party, but in my view – because state socialism is totally alien to the British character.

‘Oh, I have lots of human weaknesses’

Your manifesto claims that the Government is "straightforward and resolute". But are you so resolute? When you face awkward decisions like whether to hold a general election you dither like most of us, don't you?

No. Once we decided to have an election we set everything in train extremely quickly. I told interviewers at the new year who asked if this was election year: 'I shall not think about it until after I have been in for four years.'

I thought voters might be reassured to know you have a human weakness or two.

Oh I have got lots, lots of human weaknesses, who hasn't?

When you talk of willingness to contemplate the use of weapons such as Polaris, is it enough for a Prime Minister to be resolute, patriotic, hostile to the Soviet system? Or does she need subtlety, and flexibility, and wisdom in judging an adversary's real intentions?



Photograph: Bill Warhurst

I think you always need subtlety and wisdom. You need to look at the facts. The facts are that Andropov has been head of the KGB; that the Soviet Union has had mounting expenditure on its defence system; has deprived its people of sufficient food and consumer goods to have mounting defence. It has mounting naval strength and submarine strength and nuclear strength.

I happen to believe that you are more likely to negotiate disarmament from strength than from weakness; more likely to be able to take a constructive but unblinkered view of the Soviet Union on other matters – trade, travel, being able to get people out – *if* you are strong. Strength is more likely to get disarmament on both sides.

Do you believe there will be progress towards controlled disarmament?

Yes I do. One of the things they (the Soviet Union) are waiting for is the result of this election. Chancellor Kohl's was a crucial election for the whole Western alliance. I think once he (Mr Andropov) knows he has got a strong President Mitterrand, a strong Chancellor Kohl, a strong government here, he is much, much more likely to move.

You have asked for a large majority. Do you find yourself becoming impatient, as your opponents allege, with the democratic constraints on a Prime Minister's great power?

No, I do not find myself becoming impatient in any way, I am a democrat. I am here only by virtue and power of the ballot. Obviously I want maximum support for my policies. Who does not? Of course. But I want it the only way: from the ballot box.

If the electors decide in their wisdom that you should have an adequate majority for a full parliament, but no more than adequate, you will not think that unreasonable?

I have to accept the decision of the ballot box. The important thing is that the ballot box continues. I have to accept whatever is their decision. I naturally hope and want as big a support for my policies as I can possibly get, because *I* believe they are right, and because I think that for the world to know that I have large support means also that Britain rejects totally the kind of state socialism that has been put forward.

‘As big a majority as I can possibly get’

Will there be much room in your Cabinet for new blood?

Oh, it is always one of the very difficult questions that, you know. It is the worst thing that a prime minister has to do. Everyone says 'you must get in so-and-so and so-and-so', and I say 'yes, and so-and-so and so-and-so. Now tell me, who am I going to put out?' You always have to keep the thing on the move, you have to, because your young people are entitled to feel that when they perform well they have some hope of being promoted

But it is very very difficult, and you explain to people 'look, it isn't that you have done things wrong, but I just have to make room, and aren't you fortunate in a way to have had the privilege of being in government for a time.' It is the most difficult thing I have to do, but it has to be done, and I have to screw myself up to do it.

But you have decided on your new appointments, haven't you?

No I have not. This again is my not counting chickens. But it will not take me long to make up my mind when I face it. And always, always you must understand – I am painted as the greatest little dictator, which is ridiculous – you always take some consultations.

One thing that has got to be known quickly is the name of the new Foreign Secretary and the Chancellor. Is that right?

I am not sure, because last time the majority did not come through until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon – 317 seats – and obviously I was not going to move until I knew that we had an actual majority. Now I don't know when the majority would come through this time. I am not sure whether we go to the Palace or not. I think in the past Mr Wilson and Mr Macmillan did not. But I don't know, we'll have to decide that at the time. But then, immediately one got some of one's senior colleagues here to consult, and then we started the next day. But don't forget that next day is Trooping the Colour, so I am not sure at the moment when it would be best to do any Cabinet changes. But we don't count chickens.

Has it crossed your mind that you may lose?

Yes it has crossed my mind, but it has only just flitted through it.

Tomorrow: Roy Jenkins

Frank Johnson's campaign trail

Festive greetings from Humpty Dumpty

Tomorrow the final day, will have to be spent with the Prime Minister. Yesterday, on the penultimate day, what could there possibly be left to see or hear? Labour's morning press conference? It announced the findings of the latest Healey Poll. This showed that Labour would win the election. Giving the details, Mr Denis Healey said that the polls in the national newspapers did not tally with those carried out in individual constituencies by regional newspapers, and by Labour's private pollsters.

No doubt Dr David Butler has an answer to that argument. But Mr Healey went ahead and gave us his figures. His statistical sample appeared to be drawn from a representative cross section of Labour voters.

Next, Mr Roy Hattersly got up, unveiled a chart on an easel, and started talking rapidly about social spending. Mr Michael Foot, and the rest of us, slumped.

"Compassion guides all we do," Mr Hattersly found himself saying, in what we must hope was a subliminal reference to the way in which Mr Foot should be treated by his party after Thursday.

In about a week from now Mr Hattersly's speeches will become interesting again. For they will be tremendous denunciations of the left for costing Labour the election. Until then, there is no further interest in what he has to say on any *subject* – unless of course he cares to start making those speeches before tomorrow.

Next, Mr Foot, asked to talk about Mr Kinnock's views on the battle of Goose Green, talked about Mr Kinnock's views on youth unemployment and the way in which they had not been given equal prominence by television.

It was time to flee. But to where? Mr Clive Jenkins was going on a walkabout in Bethnel Green, said the Labour Party's list of the day's engagements. Must avoid Bethnel Green, then.

At Peterborough there was to be a meeting addressed by Lord Kaldor, one of the leading figures in the Hungarian uprising against the British economy in the 1960s.

Mr Foot was off to Wales. Mr Silkin was somewhere in Kent, Mr Benn in Bristol.

Consistent with the list's endearing policy of not leaving out completely obscure trade unionists, there were no fewer than five engagements for Mr Jack Boddy.

One assumed him to be an obscure trade unionists. Whoever he was, he would be walking about in Repton, it said. Perhaps he was just doing his shopping. If not, let us hope that the Repton police had no difficulty in identifying the Boddy.

No, it was time to seek solace in this ever-changing world by rejoining the campaign of Mr Roy Jenkins. He was last seen in this space at the start of the campaign, charming the female shoppers in Peterborough.

Yesterday, we caught up with him charming the female shoppers in Guildford. Assuming that they were not the same female shoppers being used around the country by the SDP, Mr Jenkins is now even more admired by female shoppers.

I am not persuaded that Mr Jenkins's comfortable campaign style has been a handicap to the Alliance. He has that element of self-parody always present in truly serious people.

It is a little lacking in Mr Steel. It is there in Mrs Thatcher, much of her "bossiness" being attributable to it. People recongize it immediately in a politician, and like it, for it creates a charcter.

Yesterday a large, fat chef, with a *bushy beard* and a chef's hat, *stalked across* the street at Farnhan to ask Mr Jenkins to lift the value-added tax on restaurants, conscious perhaps that this politician was a trenchman of international class who had eaten for England in the gastronomic capital of Europe, Brussels.

"I like big men in small businessess," beamed Mr Jenkins. The chef thought him an extremely good sort.

Mr Jenkins put his face through the window of a car in a traffic jam. Having that familar, agreeable, Humpty Dumpty head suddenly in your vehicle, must have been unnerving at first.

But the two occupants and Mr Jenkins got on very well because all three turned out to be Welsh. What did he say, I asked the woman in the passenger seat. "Merry Christmas and happy New Year," she said.

This seemed odd. But she quoted Mr Jenkins as saying that these were among the few words he knew in Welsh.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal Engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh give a reception at Buckingham Palace for the World Cup Cricket teams.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Chancellor, visits Cambridge University for two days, arriving 3.15.

The Prince of Wales attends the launch of the Conservation Developments Programme for the United Kingdom at Logan Hall, London University, 20 Bedford Way, WC1, 10.

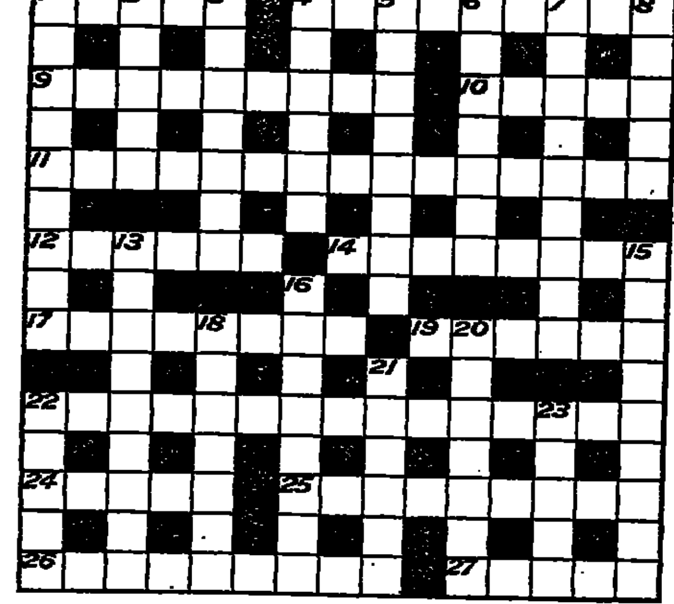
Pincess Anne dines with the Prime Warden and the Court of the Fishmongers' Company at Fishmongers' Hall, 7.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief of th Gloucestershire Regiment, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, attends the Beating of Retreat by massed bands of the Regiments of the Prince of Wales's Division, Horse Guards Parade, 6.20.

The Duke of Kent visits the Courage Brewery at Reading 11.30, and opens the Reading Information Technology Centre, 12.20.

Princess Alexandra visits the headquarters of the Royle group of companies, Wenlock Road, N1, 2.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,150



ACROSS

1 West's partner rather than North's returned diamond, say (5).
4 Edgar's men destroyed force across the Channel (9).
9 Clothier has nothing to say about suit (9).
10 Only a sucker wants this money (5).
11 Provide spare spanner for game (9, 6).
12 Still unemployed – receiving attention (2, 4).
14 Girl followed by pet was Charles's sister (4, 4).
17 Glutton's returned last third of 11 (4-4).
19 Played without breaking limb at 22 *ac* (6).
22 Vice not dominant for long (6, 2, 7).
24 Father or son going to the White House architects (5).
25 Following two points to argue foolishly (9).
26 Old elements in strong spirit (4-5).
27 Decayed leaves, etc, smell bad to us (5).

DOWN

1 Member of fencing school? (9).
2 Cricket side with spinner, in addition (2, 3).
3 Let's specify what makes it non-U (7).
4 Fetched young Peggotty from New York (6).
5 Scandinavian calls Ronald after rising (8).
6 Antipathy as head of gallery is displaced (7).
7 Such sensational acts do alarm me dreadfully (9).
8 Kind old writer (5).
13 Where infant gets fed up? (4, 5).
15 Pale as 1 *ac*, proverbially (9).
16 West's mishap? Nothing for a change, at first (8).
18 Wood-cutter noticed robbers first (4-3).
20 Former trap, some say, on Devon coast (7).
21 Escort ordered for flier (6).
22 Musical guidelines for the workers (5).
23 Uneasiness in 8 of a resident magistrate (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,149

BARGE CHARLATAN
TENACIOUS TWAIN
SLEEPY DIALYSIS
EMPEDOCLES MOSS
ARNO INOCULATED
SHAMROCK BURGEE
OVOLO ARMADILLO
CONDUCTOR RIDER

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 12

New exhibitions

Penny dreadfuls and comics 1860-1960, Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, E2; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.50, Sun 2.30 to 5.50, closed Fridays (until Oct 2).

The Islamic Perspective: Islamic influence on British architecture and design in the nineteenth century, Leighton House, 12 Holland Park Road, W14; Mon to Fri 11 to 6, Sat 11 to 5 (until July 23).

Paintings by Guy Raddon, Holmes Place Gallery, 188 Fulham Road; SW10; Mon to Fri 10 to 9, Sat 10 to 6 (until June 18).

Cosmo Clark retrospective, Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton Street, SE1; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 6 (until June 30).

Talks

Dictates of fashion 1760-1800, by S. M. Brock, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 2.

Fifty Years Hard: an author looks back, by Geoffrey Trease, Nottingham Festival, Trent Polytechnic, Shakespeare Street, Nottingham, 7.

Manuscipt illumination, 12; and Book of Hours, 2; by Jane Lee, British Library.

Art between the wars: de Chirico and the origins of surrealism, by Richard Humphreys, 1; Cubism vs naturalism, by Chris Green, 6.30; Tate Gallery.

Christianity and the arts – on' literature, by the Very Rev D. L. Edwards, Southwark Cathedral, 1.10.

The church from the beginning to 1666, by Dr Richard Gem, St Mary le Bow Crypt, EC4, 1.05.

The Parthenon sculptures: the frieze, by Ian Jenkins, 11.30; Marble sculptures: cleaning and conservation, by Geoffrey Foster, 1.15; British Museum.

Courbet and Millet, by Felicty Woolf, National Gallery.

Norman Mailer, with Melvyn Bragg, on his new book *Ancient Evenings*, ICA, The Mall.

Celia Fiennes at Bretby, by Charles Saumarez Smith, Victoria and Albert, 1.15.

Music

Recital by Esther Lamandier, St John's Church, South Parade, 1. Recital by Noël Lee, Assembly Rooms, 7.30; both in Bath Festival.

Organ recital by Roy Massey, Hereford Cathedral, 1.15.

City and County in Concert: Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, with Nigel Kennedy (violin), Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham, 7.30.

John Williams and friends play Vivaldi, Guildhall, Portsmouth, 7.30.

Cambridge University Musical Society concert, Kings College Chapel, Cambridge, 8.30.

Piano recital by Sandra Rigsby, St Mark's Regent's Park, 8.

Concert by the Alexandra Ensemble, Cyril Fradan, 23 Lower Addison Garden, W14, 7.45.

British Evening, City of London Sinfonia, Barbican Centre, 7.45.

Concert by Morley College Choir and Chamber Orchestra: Southwark Cathedral, 8.

Alterations with Misha Mengelberg (piano), The Almeida, 295 Upper Street, Islington, 8.

Walks

Portsea and Dockyard, meet Victory Gate, HM Naval Base, Portsea, 2.30.

New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
A Collection of Ranter Writigs from the 17th Century, edited by Nigel Smith, foreword by John Carey (Junction, £12.50)
Ancient Evenings, by Norman Mailer (Macmillan, £9.95)
County Durham, by Nikolaus Pevsner, revised by Elizabeth Williamson, Buildings of England series (Penguin, £14.95)
Hensley Henson, by Owen Chadwick (Oxford, £18.50)
Mr George Eliot, a biography of George Henry Lewis, by David Williams (Hodder & Stoughton, £12.95)
Napoleon, Abel Gance's classic film, by Kevin Brownlow (Cape, £10.95)
Rome's North West Frontier, the Antonine Wall, by William Hanson & Gordon Maxwell (Edinburgh, £17.50)
Seabirds, an identification guide, by Peter Harrison (Croom Helm, £15.95)
The Facts of Life and other fictions, by Robert Nye (Hamish Hamilton, (£7.95)
West Country Fly Fishing, an anthology edited by Anne Voss Bark (Batsford, £9.95)
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German measles

In view of the rising number of cases of German measles, women planning to start a family, who do not know if they are immune to the disease, are advised to consult their doctor or ask to be vaccinated at their clinic. If the disease is contracted in the first 16 weeks of pregnancy, the baby may be born with one or several handicaps.

Vaccination before pregnancy is the only way for a woman to ensure protection of an unborn baby if she is not already immune. A woman who is already pregnant and who thinks she might have been in contact with someone with German measles during the first 16 weeks should see her doctor immediately. A simple blood test should determine whether she is protected against the disease.

Anniversaries

Frank Lloyd Wright, architect was born at Richnd Centre, Wisconsin, 1867. Deaths: **Hardecanute**, king of England (1040-42) and of Denmark, London, 1042; **Andrew Jackson**, ("Old Hickory"), seventh President of the United States (1829-37), Nashville, Tennesse, 1845; **Sir Joseph Paxton**, designer of the Crystal Palace, London, 1865; **Gerard Manley Hopkins**, Dublin, 1889; **Nikolay Rimsky Korsakov** (new style June 21), Lyubensk, Soviet Union, 1908; **Bliss Carman**, poet, New Canaan, Connecticut, 1929.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.86	1.77
Austria Sch	29.55	27.90
Belgium Fr	83.00	78.50
Canada $	1.99	1.91
Denmark Kr	14.97	14.22
Finland Mkk	9.08	8.58
France Fr	12.47	11.92
Germany DM	4.17	3.96
Greece Dr	136.90	128.00
Hongkong $	12.20	11.55
Ireland Pt	1.32	1.26
Italy Lira	2475.00	2355.00
Japan Yen	396.00	376.00
Netherlands Gld	4.68	4.45
Norway Kr	11.80	11.20
Portugal Esc	168.00	154.00
South Africa Rd	2.14	1.98
Spain Pta	223.50	212.50
Sweden Kr	12.38	11.85
Switzerland Fr	3.45	3.28
USA $	1.62	1.56
Yugoslavia Dnr	139.00	131.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 332.5.

London: The *FT* Index closed up 6.9 at 710.3.

Roads

London and South-East: A40: Roadworks both ways on Western Avenue, Perivale. Beating of Retreat: Horse Guards Parade, The Mall and Birdcage Walk closed 6 to 8pm. A3220: Roadworks southbound at Redcliffe Gardens, part of Earls Court one-way system.

Midlands: M1: One carriageway shared from junctions 28 to 29 (A38 Mansfield to A617 Chesterfield). M6: Northbound entry slip road closed at junction 2 (M69 and Coventry East): M69/M6 junction not affected.

North: M6: Resurfacing northbound between junctions 32 and 33 (M55 turn-off to Lancaster South); diversions possible. M6: One carriageway shared between junctions 19 and 20 (Chester). A69: Roadworks at Bardon Mill, Northumberland. **Wales and West:** M5: Northbound carriageway shared between junctions 8 (M50 junction) and 9 (Ashchurch). A38: Lane closures at Marsh Mills viaduct, Lee Mill, Devon. Sheep Street, Cirencester, closed; diversion.

Scotland: M9: One carriageway shared between junctions 5 and 7, (Falkirk to Kincardine Bridge). A7: Single lane only on London Road, Mount Vernon, Glasgow. A9: Northbound carriageway shared at Ballyinluig bypass, Tayside.

Information supplied by the AA.

Pollen forecast

	Pollen count	Peak times
Norwich	med	3 to 6 pm
Basildon	high	3 to 6 pm
Maidstone	med	3 to 6 pm
Reading	med	3 to 6 pm
Hull	low	3 to 6 pm
Rotherham	low	3 to 6 pm
Leeds	low	3 to 6 pm
Bradford	low	3 to 6 pm
Preston	low	noon to 3 pm
Runcorn	low	noon to 3 pm
Salford	low	noon to 3 pm
Edinburgh	low	9 am to noon
Carlisle	low	–
Bath	med	noon to 3 pm
Tewkesbury	med	3 to 6 pm
Darlington	low	–
Exeter	med	noon to 3 pm
Belfast	low	mdnt to 3 am
Lincoln	low	3 to 6 pm
Aberdeen	low	3 to 6 pm
Glasgow	low	–
Swansea	low	–
Brighton	high	3 to 6 pm
Southampton	med	noon to 3 pm
Warwick	high	6 to 9 pm
Dudley	high	3 to 6 pm

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Weather forecast

A depression with associated frontal troughs will move steadily northwards

6 am to midnight

London, East Anglia, SE England, Midlands: Thundery showers soon dying out, sunny periods, perhaps scattered shower later; wind S or SW, moderate, locally fresh; max 18 to 20C (64 to 68F).

Central S, SW England, Channel Islands, S Wales: Sunny periods, showers later, heavy in places; wind mainly S, moderate, locally fresh at first; max 17 to 19C (63 to 66F).

E, NE England: Cloudy, scattered thundery rain dying out, sunny intervals; wind SE; veering S or SW, moderate, locally fresh at first; max 16 to 18C (61 to 64F).

N Wales, NW, Central N England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Cloudy, thundery rain clearing, sunny intervals, scattered showers later; wind variable, light, becoming mainly S, moderate; max 16 to 18C (61 to 64F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Cloudy, thundery showers, brighter intervals; wind SE veering SW, moderate, locally fresh; max 14 to 15C (57 to 59F).

SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlights, Argyll, N Ireland: Cloudy, thundery showers, brighter intervals; wind variable, cyclonic, becoming NW, light or moderate; normal max 15 to 17C (59 to 57F).

Morey Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Bright, cloudier later, rain in places; wind SE, moderate, locally fresh, becoming variable light; max 13 or 14C (55 to 57F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Sunny intervals and showers, thundery in places, becoming dry from W on Friday. Near normal temperatures.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind S moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate. English Channel (E): Wind mainly SW moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate. St George's Channel (E): Wind cyclonic, light or moderate becoming SW; sea slight Irish Sea: veering SW, light or moderate; sea slight.

Sun rises: 4.45 am Sun sets: 9.14 pm
Moon rises: 3.29 am Moon sets: 5.53pm
New Moon June 11.

Lighting-up time

London 9.44 pm to 4.15 am
Bristol 9.54 pm to 4.25 am
Edinburgh 10.25 pm to 3.59 am
Manchester 10.04 pm to 4.11 am
Penzance 9.59 pm to 4.43 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	17	63	Guernsey	f	21	70
Birmingham	s	21	70	Inverness	c	14	57
Blackpool	s	21	70	Jersey	s	24	75
Bristol	f	21	70	London	s	22	72
Cardiff	c	20	68	Manchester	f	22	72
Edinburgh	c	12	54	Newcastle	s	16	61
Glasgow	c	16	61	Ronaldsway	c	15	59

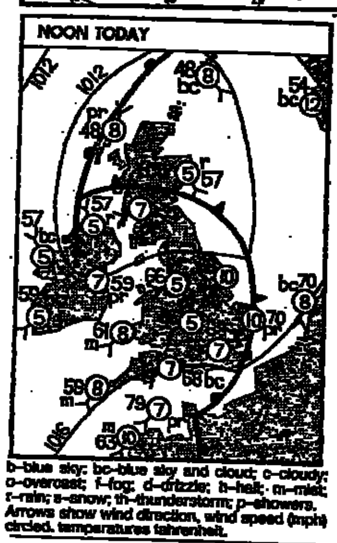
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Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 23C (73F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6 pm, 68 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 8.7hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1014.7 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Highest day temp: Jersey, 28C (82F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Chivenor, 0.55in; highest sunshine: Lowestoft, Thanet, Folkestone, 13.2hr.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded
Symbols are on advancing edge



b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge			12.02	6.4
Aberdeen	11.55	3.7		
Avonmouth	5.30	11.5	5.55	11.7
Belfast	9.36	3.1	10.04	3.1
Cardiff	5.17	10.7	5.42	10.9
Devonport	3.50	4.8	4.30	4.9
Dover	9.34	5.8	9.50	6.1
Falmouth	3.20	4.6	4.00	4.7
Glasgow	11.39	4.1	11.54	4.2
Harwich	10.41	3.7	10.45	3.7
Holyhead	8.55	5.0	9.26	5.0
Hull	4.53	6.4	5.04	6.7
Ilfracombe	4.25	7.8	4.50	8.0
Leith	12.58	4.8	1.09	4.9
Liverpool	9.46	8.4	10.14	8.5
Lowestoft	8.23	2.2	8.00	2.2
Margate	10.42	4.3	10.49	4.3
Milford Haven	4.39	6.1	5.04	6.2
Newquay	3.35	6.1	3.59	6.2
Oban	4.26	3.5	4.49	3.4
Penzance	2.58	4.8	3.35	4.9
Portland	5.00	1.8	5.44	1.8
Portsmouth	9.55	4.2	10.23	4.5
Shoreham	9.42	5.3	10.09	5.7
Southampton	9.35	4.0	10.01	4.3
Swansea	4.42	8.3	5.07	8.5
Tees	2.17	4.7	2.21	4.8
Walton-on-Naze	10.28	3.8	10.39	3.7

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
St Andrews	5.1	–	12	54	Cloudy
Scarboro	7.5	–	15	59	Sunny
Bridlington	8.8	–	14	57	Bright
Cromer	12.7	–	19	66	Sunny
Lowestoft	13.2	–	16	61	Sunny
Clacton	11.9	–	17	63	Sunny
Margate	13.2	–	20	68	Sunny
Folkestone	13.2	–	24	75	Sunny
Hastings	12.2	–	24	75	Sunny
Eastbourne	10.7	–	19	66	Sunny
Worthing	9.0	–	23	73	Bright
Littlehampton	8.0	–	23	73	Showers
Bognor R	8.1	.01	21	70	Showers
Southsea	4.6	–	22	72	Cloudy
Shanklin	–	–	–	–	–
Bournemouth	6.0	–	23	73	Bright
Poole	4.3	–	23	73	Bright
Weymouth	2.8	–	21	70	Cloudy
Exmouth	2.2	–	20	68	Bright
Torquay	1.9	–	19	66	Rain am
Falmouth	0.2	.07	18	64	Thunder
Penzance	0.9	.15	18	64	Thunder
Jersey	6.9	–	28	82	Showers

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	7.5	–	24	75	Sunny
Scilly Isles	–	–	–	–	
Newquay	0.3	.1	19	66	Thunder
Ilfracombe	–	.24	18	64	Thunder
Tenby	1.6	.03	18	64	Cloudy
Southport	3.0	–	22	72	Dull pm
Morecambe	3.1	–	22	72	Cloudy
Douglas	6.1	–	17	63	Drizzle
B'ham (Airpt)	5.8	–	24	75	Bright
Bristol (Ctr)	2.3	.03	25	77	Thunder
Cardiff (Ctr)	1.9	–	22	72	Rain am
Anglesey	1.2	.01	19	66	Rain pm
B'pool (Airpt)	3.1	–	23	73	Bright
Manchester	3.3	–	23	73	Showers
Nottingham	4.6	–	23	73	Showers
N'cstl-n-Tyne	6.2	–	18	64	Sunny
Eskdalemuir	3.8	–	19	66	Dull
Glasgow	6.9	–	19	66	Cloudy
Tiree	5.3	–	16	61	Bright
Stornoway	7.8	–	14	57	Bright
Kinloss	–	–	–	–	
Edinburgh	4.7	–	14	57	Bright
Aldergrove	5.7	–	18	64	Showers

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	25	77	Copenhgn	s	18	64	Majorca	s	30	86	Rio de Jan			
Akrotiri	s	25	77	Corfu	f	25	77	Malaga	s	24	75	Rome	s	31	88
Alexandria	s	26	79	Dallas*	c	18	64	Malta				Salzburg	s	24	75
Algiers	s	24	75	Dublin	c	13	55	Melbourne				Sao Paulo*	r	14	57
Amsterdam	s	22	72	Dubrovnik	c	20	68	Mexico C*	f	26	79	S Francisco*	s	23	73
Athens	s	26	79	Faro	f	22	72	Miami*				Santiago*	s	11	52
Bahrain				Florence	s	23	73	Milan	s	23	73	Seoul	s	26	79
Barbados*	f	30	86	Frankfurt	s	21	70	Montreal*	r	14	57	Singapore	f	31	88
Barcelona	s	26	79	Funchal	c	20	68	Moscow	c	14	57	Stockholm	f	19	66
Beirut	f	25	77	Geneva	s	22	72	Munich	s	18	64	Strasbourg	s	24	75
Belgrade	f	21	70	Gibraltar	s	25	77	Nairobi	f	22	72	Sydney			
Berlin	s	18	64	Helsinki	c	15	59	Naples	f	24	75	Tangier	s	21	70
Bermuda*	f	28	82	Hongkong	f	28	84	New Delhi	s	38	100	Tel Aviv	s	27	81
Biarritz	s	21	70	Innsbruck	s	20	68	New York*	s	23	73	Tenerife			
Boulogne	s	20	68	Istanbul	f	20	68	Nice	s	25	77	Tokyo	f	25	77
Bordeaux	s	28	82	Jeddah	s	36	97	Oslo	s	18	64	Toronto*	c	12	54
Brussels	s	23	73	Jo'burg	s	19	66	Ottawa				Tunis	s	32	90
Budapest				Karachi	f	33	91	Paris	s	27	81	Valencia	s	28	82
B Aires*	s	15	59	Las Palmas	s	22	72	Peking	s	30	86	Vancouver*	f	17	63
Cairo	s	33	91	Lisbon	f	19	66	Perth				Venice	s	21	70
Cape Tn	s	17	63	Locarno	f	22	72	Prague	s	16	61	Vienna	s	17	63
C'blanca	f	21	70	L Angeles*	c	18	64	Reykjavik	r	10	50	Warsaw	f	17	63
Chicago*	f	18	64	Luxembg	s	21	70	Rhodes	s	25	77	Washington	s	28	82
Cologne	s	21	70	Madrid	s	29	84	Riyadh	s	43	109	Zurich	s	21	70

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available